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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Petitioner,

v.

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Respondent.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

1. Whether certiorari should be granted to resolve a conflict among and within the jurisdictions on the question whether a State may authorize the closure of an adult bookstore for a period of one year as a public nuisance based on the past dissemination of obscene material.

2. Whether certiorari should be granted to provide this Court an opportunity to better define the limits of civil law penalties in the fight against obscenity.

3. Whether this Court should intervene to correct the Illinois Supreme Court's misapplication of this Court's constitutional authority.

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OPINIONS BELOW

The opinion and judgment of the Illinois Supreme Court was issued on March 22, 1989 in *People v. Sequoia Books, Inc.*, Docket No. 66503 (Illinois Supreme Court, March 23, 1989). The decision is not yet reported. A copy is appended hereto as Appendix A.

The opinion and judgment of the Illinois Appellate Court is cited as *People v. Sequoia Books, Inc.*, 165 Ill.App.3d 143, 518 N.E.2d 775 (2nd Dist. 1988). A copy is appended hereto as Appendix B.

JURISDICTION

The opinion of the Illinois Supreme Court affirming the judgment of the Appellate Court and reversing the judgment of the Circuit Court was rendered on March 22, 1989. This petition is filed within sixty days of the issuance of the Illinois Supreme Court's opinion.

This Court's jurisdiction is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1257(3), since this cause involves an alleged violation of rights arising under the Constitution of the United States.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS INVOLVED

United States Constitution, Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

United States Constitution, Amendment XIV, § 1

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

STATUTES INVOLVED

Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, Ch. 38, § 37-1

§ 37-1. Maintaining Public Nuisance. Any building used in the commission of offenses prohibited by Sections 9-1, 10-1, 10-2, 11-14, 11-15, 11-16, 11-17, 11-20, 11-20.1, 11-21, 11-22, 16-1, 20-2, 23-1, 23-1(a)(1), 24-1(a)(7), 24-3, 28-1, 28-3, 31-5 or 39A-1 of the "Criminal Code of 1961", approved July 28, 1961, as heretofore and hereafter amended, or prohibited by the "Illinois Controlled Substances Act", or the "Cannabis Control Act" enacted by the 77th General Assembly, as heretofore and hereafter amended, or used in the commission of an inchoate offense relative to any of the aforesaid principal offenses is a public nuisance.

(b) Sentence. A person convicted of knowingly maintaining such a public nuisance commits a Class A misdemeanor. Each subsequent offense under this Section is a Class 4 felony.

Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, Ch. 38, § 37-4

§ 37-4. Abatement of nuisance. The Attorney General of this State or the State's Attorney of the county wherein the nuisance exists may commence an action to abate a public nuisance as described in Section 37-1 of this Act, in the name of the People of the State of Illinois, in the circuit court. Upon being satisfied by affidavits or other sworn evidence that an alleged public nuisance exists, the court may without notice or bond enter a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to enjoin any defendant from maintaining such nuisance and may enter an order restraining any defendant from removing or interfering with all property used in connection with the public nuisance. If during the proceedings and hearings upon the merits, which shall be in the manner of "An Act in relation to places used for the purpose of using,

keeping or selling controlled substances or cannabis", approved July 5, 1957, the existence of the nuisance is established, and it is found that such nuisance was maintained with the intentional, knowing, reckless or negligent permission of the owner or the agent of the owner managing the building, the court shall enter an order restraining all persons from maintaining or permitting such nuisance and from using the building for a period of one year thereafter, except that an owner, lessee or other occupant thereof may use such place if the owner shall give bond with sufficient security or surety approved by the court, in an amount between $1,000 and $5,000 inclusive, payable to the People of the State of Illinois, and including a condition that no offense specified in Section 37-1 of this Act shall be committed at, in or upon the property described and a condition that the principal obligor and surety assume responsibility for any fine, costs or damages resulting from such an offense thereafter.

Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, Ch. 38, § 11-20

§ 11-20. Obscenity. (a) Elements of the Offense. A person commits obscenity when, with knowledge of the nature or content thereof, or recklessly failing to exercise reasonable inspection which would have disclosed the nature or content thereof, he:

(1) Sells, delivers or provides, or offers or agrees to sell, deliver or provide any obscene writing, picture, record or other representation or embodiment of the obscene; or

(2) Presents or directs an obscene play, dance or other performance or participates directly in that portion thereof which makes it obscene; or

(3) Publishes, exhibits or otherwise makes available anything obscene; or

(4) Performs an obscene act or otherwise presents an obscene exhibition of his body for gain; or

(5) Creates, buys, procures or possesses obscene matter or material with intent to disseminate it in violation of this Section, or of the penal laws or regulations of any other jurisdiction; or

(6) Advertises or otherwise promotes the sale of material represented or held out by him to be obscene, whether or not it is obscene.

(b) Obscene Defined.

Any material or performance is obscene if: (1) the average person, applying contemporary adult community standards, would find that, taken as a whole, it appeals to the prurient interest; and (2) the average person, applying contemporary adult community standards, would find that it depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, ultimate sexual acts or sadomasochistic sexual acts, whether normal or perverted, actual or simulated, or masturbation, excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals; and (3) taken as a whole, it lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

(c) Interpretation of Evidence.

Obscenity shall be judged with reference to ordinary adults, except that it shall be judged with reference to children or other specially susceptible audiences if it appears from the character of the material or the circumstances of its dissemination to be specially designed for or directed to such an audience.

Where circumstances of production, presentation, sale, dissemination, distribution, or publicity indicate that material is being commercially exploited for the sake of its prurient appeal, such evidence is probative with respect to the nature of the matter and can justify the conclusion that the matter is lacking in serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

In any prosecution for an offense under this Section evidence shall be admissible to show:

(1) The character of the audience for which the material was designed or to which it was directed;

(2) What the predominant appeal of the material would be for ordinary adults or a special audience, and what effect, if any, it would probably have on the behavior of such people;

(3) The artistic, literary, scientific, educational or other merits of the material, or absence thereof,

(4) The degree, if any, of public acceptance of the material in this State;

(5) Appeal to prurient interest, or absence thereof, in advertising or other promotion of the material;

(6) Purpose of the author, creator, publisher or disseminator.

(d) Sentence.

Obscenity is a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent offense is a Class 4 felony.

(e) Prima Facie Evidence.

The creation, purchase, procurement or possession of a mold, engraved plate or other embodiment of obscenity specially adapted for reproducing multiple copies, or the possession of more than 3 copies of obscene material shall be prima facie evidence of an intent to disseminate.

(f) Affirmative Defenses.

It shall be an affirmative defense to obscenity that the dissemination:

(1) Was not for gain and was made to personal associates other than children under 18 years of age;

(2) Was to institutions or individuals having scientific or other special justification for possession of such material.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Illinois Public Nuisance Act

The criminal public nuisance act provides that any building used in the commission of certain criminal offenses is a public nuisance. Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, ¶ 37-1, *et seq.* The offense of obscenity is one of the offenses that may serve as the predicate conduct for a public nuisance. A building constituting a public nuisance may be ordered closed for a period of one year following a judicial determination that a nuisance was maintained on the premises.

After the judicial determination of obscenity, the court may, at the prosecutor's request, preliminarily enjoin a defendant from maintaining the nuisance. Then, if the State establishes the existence of a nuisance at a hearing on the merits, as well scienter on the part of the defendant, the court must permanently enjoin the defendant from using the building for a period of one year, unless proper bond is given. One automatic condition of bond is that the building cannot be used for the commission of any offenses under the public nuisance act.

Complaint For Injunction

Pursuant to the public nuisance act provisions, the Kendall County State's Attorney filed a complaint for injunction on January 7, 1986, directed against Sequoia Books, Inc. and Bruce and Cathy Riemenschneider.

The complaint asserted that the Riemenschneiders own the building which houses the Denmark II Bookstore and lease the building to Sequoia Books which operates the bookstore. The store sells sexually explicit magazines. Sequoia Books has continued to sell the magazines, even after a series of convictions for obscenity.

Accordingly, the State asked that the business location be declared a public nuisance and that preliminary and permanent injunctions issue in order to close the building for a period of one year.

Motion To Dismiss

Sequoia Books moved to dismiss the complaint for injunction. It claimed, *inter alia*, that the obscenity provision of the public nuisance statute was unconstitutional on its face. First, it permitted the imposition of an invalid prior restraint on future speech. Second, it did not contain procedural safeguards that were necessary to a system of prior restraint.

The trial court denied the motion to dismiss on the finding that the criminal public nuisance act was constitutional.

Hearing On Preliminary Injunction

A hearing was held on February 29, 1986. The prosecution produced evidence about the ownership and operation of the Denmark Bookstore, as well as of defendant's history of obscenity convictions. From 1982 until 1985, 40 criminal obscenity cases, with respect to 1,500 magazines, were filed against Sequoia Books or its employees. Twenty-six of these cases were dismissed by agreement, based on a policy of the State's Attorney not to prosecute clerks who left the employment of the store. Three cases against clerks resulted in directed verdicts in favor of the defendants because of lack of proof of scienter. Three other cases resulted in jury verdicts of acquittal of two defendants who were clerks and of Sequoia Books. Two hundred and thirty-three magazines were charged in those cases.

One jury verdict of guilty was returned against a clerk. Seven jury verdicts of guilty were returned against Sequoia Books. In these eight cases, 165 magazines were found obscene, 40 were found to be not obscene, and an additional 255 magazines were withdrawn from consideration by the filing of amended charges. Finally, the prosecution showed that, in 1986, Sequoia Books was found guilty by a jury in each of four additional criminal actions. These verdicts included findings that 558 magazines were obscene and 13 magazines were not obscene.

On March 14, 1986, the trial court issued a preliminary injunction enjoining Sequoia Books from maintaining the public nuisance and from exhibiting and selling obscene materials. An attempted interlocutory appeal of this order was dismissed by the Appellate Court on May 1, 1986, as being improperly perfected.

Violation Of Preliminary Injunction And Request For Permanent Injunction

On July 25, 1986, the Kendall County State's Attorney filed a petition for rule to show cause, alleging that Sequoia Books had violated the preliminary injunction by selling and offering to sell obscene magazines on March 27 and 28, 1986, and May 9 and 29, 1986.

On August 29, 1986, Sequoia Books filed written objections contending that the preliminary injunction was unconstitutional and imposed an invalid prior restraint. That same day, the trial court held a hearing on the request for a permanent injunction. On January 7, 1987, the trial court orally granted permanent injunctive relief and ordered the building closed, staying the closure upon the posting of a bond.

A written order issued on January 21, 1987, enjoining Sequoia Books from maintaining a public nuisance in the Denmark Bookstore location and expressly enjoining the exhibition, sale or offer of sale of obscene materials from the premises. The written order also enjoined both Sequoia and the Riemenschneiders from using the business premises for one year, unless they posted a bond in the amount of $5,000 and abided the condition not to violate any of the offenses specified in the public nuisance act.

Also on January 21, 1987, the trial court found Sequoia Books in contempt for violating the preliminary injunction order for the sale and offer of sale of magazines on May 9 and May 29, 1986. The judge imposed a fine of $500.

Violation Of Bond

Sequoia Books posted the $5,000 bond to keep the building open and appealed the order of permanent injunction. While the appeal pended, the State moved to revoke bond and vacate the stay of enforcement of the permanent injunction. The Appellate Court remanded for a hearing on bond revocation, which was held in the trial court on April 29, 1987. On May 4, 1987, the trial court entered a finding that Sequoia Books had violated bond by selling obscene magazines at the business premises on March 4 and 5, 1987. On May 11, 1987, the Appellate Court revoked the appeal bond and dissolved the stay of the permanent injunction. On May 29, 1987, the Illinois Supreme Court denied an emergency request from Sequoia Books for a supervisory order to impose a stay. On June 16, 1987, this Court denied an emergency request from Sequoia Books for a stay of injunction.

A request for a stay pending appeal to this Court was denied on January 13, 1988.

Appeal Of The Permanent Injunction

On January 19, 1988, the Illinois Appellate Court reversed the permanent injunction. It held that judge's orders of preliminary and permanent injunction acted as an invalid prior restraint on first amendment rights. It further found that the provisions of the criminal public nuisance act authorized prior restraints, that the act's procedural elements were constitutionally deficient in safeguarding constitutionally protected speech and, therefore, was unconstitutional as applied to adult bookstores that sell sexually explicit materials.

The Illinois Supreme Court granted review and on March 22, 1989, affirmed the decision of the Appellate Court, framing its holding somewhat differently. It declined to decide whether the act authorized a prior restraint. Rather, it chose to review the act as regulating both speech and nonspeech elements combined in the same course of conduct. According to this Court's decision in *United States v. O'Brien*, 391 U.S. 367, 88 S.Ct. 1673, 20 L.Ed.2d 672 (1968), such regulations are constitutional so long as the State advances an important interest unrelated to the suppression of free expression and the restriction on free expression is not greater than necessary to further that interest. However, this act failed to meet the latter provision because, even though the statute advanced a legitimate state interest in the suppression of obscenity, its incidental restriction of protected speech was greater than essential to further that interest. Therefore, the Illinois Supreme Court held that the provisions for one-year closure and for injunction, which were applied in this case, are unconstitutional as applied to properties which are adjudicated nuisances solely on account of their use in the commission of the offense of obscenity.

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE WRIT

THIS COURT SHOULD GRANT CERTIORARI BECAUSE THIS CAUSE PRESENTS AN IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION—WHETHER A STATE MAY AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF ADULT BOOKSTORES AS PUBLIC NUISANCES BASED ON PRIOR CONVICTIONS FOR OBSCENITY.

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C) THIS COURT SHOULD INTERVENE TO CORRECT THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT'S MISAPPLICATION OF THIS COURT'S CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY.

This Court should grant certiorari because this cause presents an important constitutional question—whether a State may include obscenity offenses among the predicate offenses under its public nuisance statute and, as a result, authorize the closure of adult bookstores as public nuisances based on past dissemination of obscene material which resulted in an obscenity conviction. This question needs to be addressed by this Court because of its substantial first amendment implications and because it is a question on which various jurisdictions have been divided.

Just this year, this Court addressed a somewhat similar question—whether a State may include obscenity offenses among the predicate offenses under its RICO statute and, as a result, permanently seize any property that was used in the commission of and derived from the racketeering activity. In *Fort Wayne Books, Inc. v. Indiana*, ___ U.S.-

____, 109 S.Ct. 916 (1989), this Court upheld the power of the State to include obscenity offenses as a predicate offense for a RICO violation. But it held unconstitutional the seizure provisions because the statute permitted the seizure to occur pretrial, before adjudication of the RICO charge, without proper safeguards. The statute authorized pretrial seizure on mere probable cause which violated the principle that probable cause to believe a legal violation has transpired is not adequate to remove books and films from circulation. *Fort Wayne Books*, 109 S.Ct. at 929. The State could not remove thousands of books and films from circulation without having first proved that seizure was warranted under the statute. *Fort Wayne Books*, 109 S.Ct. at 929-930.

In that case, this Court did not reach the question whether a State may enact legislation authorizing a post-trial permanent seizure of property. *Fort Wayne Books*, 109 S.Ct. at 928, n.11 (we do not reach the question of the constitutionality of post-trial forfeiture). This cause provides this Court with an opportunity to review that question within the context of a very limited type of "seizure."

The seizure under the Illinois public nuisance act amounts to a one-year period of closure. It occurs only after two separate adjudications: that the offense of obscenity has been committed and that the building where the obscenity occurred constituted a public nuisance. Moreover, defendants may gain release of the premises by posting a bond and abiding the condition not to use the building as a public nuisance.

The issue whether such seizure constitutes a prior restraint has already caused considerable debate in the various jurisdictions. In this cause, the Illinois Supreme Court characterized it as a "vexing question." The Illinois Su-

preme Court itself split on the issue by a 5-2 vote. Further, it acknowledged the following split among jurisdictions.

Similar closure and padlocking provisions have been held valid in these cases: *United States v. Pryba*, 674 F.Supp. 1505 (E.D. Va. 1987); *State ex rel. Kidwell v. United States Marketing, Inc.*, 102 Idaho 451, 631 P.2d 622 (1981); *State ex rel. Cahalan v. Diversified Theatrical Corps.*, 59 Mich. App. 223, 229 N.W.2d 389, *rev'd on other grounds*, 396 Mich. 244, 240 N.W.2d 460 (1976).

By contrast, similar closure and padlocking provisions have been held invalid as prior restraints in these cases: *Spokane Arcades v. Brockett*, 631 F.2d 135, aff'd without opinion (1981), 454 U.S. 1022, 102 S.Ct. 557, 70 L.Ed. 2d 468; *Pollitt v. Connick*, 596 F.Supp. 2261 (E.D. La. 1984); *General Corp. v. State ex rel. Sweeton*, 294 Ala. 657, 320 So.2d 668 (1975); *People ex rel. Busch v. Projection Room Theatre*, 17 Cal.3d 42, 130 Cal.Rptr. 328, 550 P.2d 600 (1976); *Mitchem v. State ex rel. Schaub*, 250 So. 2d 883 (Fla. 1974); *Sanders v. State*, 231 Ga. 608, 203 S.E. 2d 153 (1974); *State v. A Motion Picture Entitled "The Bet,"* 219 Kan. 64, 547 P.2d 760 (1976); *Parish of Jefferson v. Bayou Landing Ltd.*, 350 So.2d 158 (La. 1977); *City of Minot v. Central Avenue News, Inc.*, 308 N.W.2d 851 (N.D. 1981); *State ex rel. Field v. Hess*, 540 P.2d 1165 (Okla. 1975); *Commonwealth ex rel. Davis v. Van Emberg*, 347 A.2d 712 (Pa. 1975).

This Court's intervention on this question is necessary to resolve the conflict among and within the courts and better define the limits of civil law penalties available for the offense of obscenity.

Further, this Court must intervene to correct the Illinois Supreme Court's misapplication of this Court's constitutional authority. The Illinois Supreme Court incorrect-

ly found the statute unconstitutional under this Court's test in *United States v. O'Brien*, 391 U.S. 367, 88 S.Ct. 1673, 20 L.Ed.2d 672 (1968). The Illinois Supreme Court used the *O'Brien* test because it determined that the provision for one-year closure purported to regulate non-speech, such as obscenity, yet incidentally limited pure speech. The court held that this incidental restriction on protected speech was greater than was essential to combat obscenity.

This view failed to recognize that the closure provision is a penalty for past wrongdoing and its impact on future free speech is no greater than that imposed for the crime of obscenity. This failure was aptly stated in the dissent penned by Justice Miller and joined by Justice Ryan. The dissent explained how the effects of a closure order were actually less onerous than other punishments, such as imprisonment. A closure order operates only against the premises where the violations occurred. The lessee and the property owner both remain free to transact their businesses at any other location. Moreover, a party who takes advantage of the release provision may, by posting a bond, continue operating at the premises upon the condition that none of the offenses specified in the statute will occur there.

Obviously, imprisonment incidently affects future protected speech in a greater way. The imprisoned lessee and property owner are not free to transact their businesses at any location whatsoever. They have no opportunity to take advantage of a release provision that would allow them to continue operating at the premises. But the First Amendment simply does not preclude all punishment. After all, "every criminal and civil remedy imposes some conceivable burden on First Amendment protected activities." *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.*, 478 U.S. 697, 106 S.Ct. 3172, 3177 (1986). A prisoner may not complain that

his first amendment right to speak in public places has been infringed because of confinement. *Arcara*, 106 S.Ct. at 3177. An incarcerated person will be unable to show movies or sell magazines he otherwise might have, but that does not make it impossible to punish him for disseminating illegal speech. Booksellers cannot commit a crime and enjoy immunity from punishment simply on their assertion that a fine or imprisonment or temporary closure would prevent them from continuously operating their business. Clearly, penalties typically imposed under criminal obscenity statutes have no less an affect on free speech than the penalty imposed by the statute in question here.

The majority's decision conflicts with the principles announced by this Court in *Arcara*. In *Arcara*, this Court upheld a New York statute which authorized the closure of a building found to be a public health nuisance for a period of up to one year. The statute purportedly regulated nonspeech, namely sexual conduct, and its incidental effect on pure speech, such as the sale of books, was a constitutionally permissible incidental affect of the regulation. The closure provisions involved in this case are logically identical. In both cases unprotected, nonspeech activities supported the closure despite its impact on the dissemination of materials presumptively protected by the First Amendment.

The Illinois Supreme Court incorrectly characterized the statute as a "blunderbuss" since there was no evidence that existing criminal penalties in Illinois were insufficient. But this cause itself evidences the failure of the Illinois obscenity statute to deter illegal conduct here. The civil penalty of closure was ordered only after the State showed Sequoia Books' criminal recidivism by way of its extensive history of obscenity charges and convictions in prosecutions involving hundreds of magazines. The closure provi-

sions in question operate in much the same way as RICO-type statutes in that they punish past criminal conduct by depriving offenders of the property used in on-going criminal activities, if only for a limited time.

In summary, certiorari should be granted to resolve the conflict among and within the courts, to better define the limits of civil law penalties in the fight against obscenity, and to correct the Illinois Supreme Court's misapplication of this Court's constitutional authority.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the State of Illinois asks that a Writ of Certiorari issue to review the decision of the Illinois Supreme Court and, upon review, to reverse that Court's decision in this case.

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX A

Docket No. 66503 — Agenda 44 — May 1988.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Appellant, v. SEQUOIA BOOKS, INC., *et al.*, Appellees.

JUSTICE CLARK delivered the opinion of the court:

The precise question presented upon this appeal is whether the State may, consistent with the first amendment, enjoin persons who have sold obscene books out of a building from using that building for any purpose during a specified period of time unless they first post a bond forfeitable upon the renewed sale of obscene books from the premises. We answer this question in the negative.

On January 7, 1986, the Kendall County State's Attorney filed a complaint for preliminary and permanent injunctions against the appellees, Sequoia Books, Inc., Bruce Riemenschneider, and Cathy Riemenschneider, under the authority of sections 37-1 and 37-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (Code) (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, pars. 37-1, 37-4). After various proceedings, detailed below, the circuit court issued the requested injunctions in written orders, and the defendants appealed. On appeal, the appellate court, in a unanimous decision, held section 37-1 unconstitutional as applied to adult bookstores which sell sexually explicit materials, and reversed the orders. (165 Ill. App. 3d 143.) This appeal followed.

The provision which the appellate court found unconstitutional states in pertinent part that "[a]ny building used in the commission of offenses prohibited by Section[ ] * * * 11-20 * * * of the 'Criminal Code of 1961' * * * or used in the commission of any inchoate offense relative to any of the aforesaid principal offenses is a public nuisance." (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-1.) Section 11-20 of the Criminal Code defines the offense of obscenity, a Class A misdemeanor. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 11-20.)

Knowing maintenance of a public nuisance is also a Class A misdemeanor. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-1(b).) Under a subsequent provision,

> "The Attorney General of this State or the State's Attorney of the county wherein the nuisance exists may commence an action to abate a public nuisance as described in Section 37-1 of this Act, in the name of the People of the State of Illinois, in the circuit court. Upon being satisfied by affidavits or other sworn evidence that an alleged public nuisance exists, the court may without notice or bond enter a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to enjoin any defendant from maintaining such nuisance and may enter an order restraining any defendant from removing or interfering with all property used in connection with the public nuisance. *If during the proceedings and hearings on the merits * * * the existence of the nuisance is established,* and it is found that such nuisance was maintained with the intentional, knowing, reckless, or negligent permission of the owner or agent of the owner managing the building, *the court shall enter an order restraining all persons from maintaining or permitting such nuisance and from using the building for a period of one year thereafter,* except that an owner, lessee, or other occupant thereof may use such place if the owner shall give bond with sufficient security or surety approved by the court, in an amount between $1,000 and $5,000 inclusive, payable to the People of the State of Illinois, and including a condition that no offense specified in Section 37-1 of this Act shall be committed at, in or upon the property described and a condition that the principal obligor and surety assume responsibility for any fine, costs or damages resulting from such an offense thereafter." (Emphasis added.) Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-4.

The facts adduced at the hearings below, which are essentially undisputed, are as follows. Since 1982 the Riemenschneiders have owned the building which houses the

Denmark II Bookstore, located on U.S. Route 30 in Kendall County. The Riemenschneiders lease the building to Sequoia Books, which operates the store. The store sells sexually explicit magazines.

From 1982 to 1985, 40 criminal cases were filed by the Kendall County State's Attorney against Sequoia or its employees, charging violation of the obscenity statute with respect to approximately 1,500 magazines. Twenty-six of the 40 cases were dismissed by agreement, based on a policy of the State's Attorney to not prosecute clerks who left the employment of the store. Three cases against clerks resulted in directed verdicts in the defendants' favor because of lack of proof on the issue of *scienter*. Three other cases resulted in jury verdicts of not guilty in favor of two defendants who were clerks, and one jury verdict of not guilty in favor of defendant Sequoia. Two hundred thirty-three magazines had been charged in these cases. One jury verdict of guilty was returned against a defendant-clerk, and seven jury verdicts of guilty were returned against Sequoia. In the eight cases in which guilty verdicts were returned, 165 magazines were determined by the juries to be obscene, 40 magazines were determined to be not obscene, and no jury determination was obtained as to an additional 255 magazines because they were withdrawn from consideration by the filing of amended charges.

In 1986, the Kendall County State's Attorney commenced four more criminal actions against Sequoia and secured jury verdicts of guilty in each of these cases. Those verdicts included findings that 558 magazines were obscene and 13 magazines were not obscene.

On January 7, 1986, the State's Attorney filed a complaint for an injunction under sections 37-1 and 37-4 of the Code. The complaint asserted, in essence, the facts stated above, further contending that Sequoia and its employees continued to sell materials, including magazines, despite their criminal convictions for obscenity and jury determinations that the magazines sold at the store were

obscene. Accordingly, the State asked that the property be declared a public nuisance and that the trial court issue preliminary and permanent injunctions closing the building.

Sequoia responded with a motion to dismiss, asserting that the statute, as applied to sexually explicit materials, was invalid on its face because it permitted the imposition of an invalid prior restraint, and because it did not contain the procedural safeguards a valid system of prior restraint requires. At an initial hearing on the complaint, the trial court denied the motion to dismiss and indicated its belief that the Code was constitutional.

An initial hearing was held on February 19, 1986. The facts alleged above were introduced into evidence. On March 14, 1986, the trial court issued a preliminary injunction against Sequoia. The injunction stated in part:

> "[T]his Court hereby enjoins the defendant, Sequoia Books, Inc., its agents, employees, and assigns from maintaining the public nuisance * * * and further expressly enjoins the defendant, Sequoia Books, Inc., its agents employees and assigns from exhibiting, selling, or offering for sale materials in violation of Chapter 38, Section 11-20 Illinois Revised Statutes."

On May 1, 1986, the appellate court dismissed an attempted interlocutory appeal of this order as being improperly perfected.

On July 25, 1986, the State's Attorney filed a petition for rule to show cause against Sequoia alleging that Sequoia had violated the preliminary injunction by selling and offering to sell obscene magazines on two specified dates. On August 29, 1986, Sequoia filed written objections in response, contending that the preliminary injunction was unconstitutional and that the procedure being utilized imposed an invalid prior restraint. On that same date, another hearing was held, this time to consider the State's request for a permanent injunction.

On January 7, 1987, the trial court orally pronounced its ruling that it would grant injunctive relief and order the building closed, but would stay the closure on the posting of a bond:

> "I think that the injunction would be that they are enjoined from selling obscene magazines on the premises and that the premises should be closed for six months unless Sequoia or—and Riemenschneider give a bond that obscene magazines are not going to be sold from the premises and if they are, then they will—then judgment will be entered against them for that amount."

On January 21, 1987, the trial court entered a written order which enjoined Sequoia from maintaining a public nuisance in the Denmark II Bookstore location and expressly enjoined the exhibition, offer, or sale of obscene materials from the premises. The written order also enjoined both Sequoia and the Riemenschneiders from using the business premises for one year, provided upon posting a bond in the amount of $5,000 and further conditioned upon no further commission of the offenses specified in section 37-1 of the Code, the building could be used.

Also on January 21, 1987, the trial court found that Sequoia had violated the preliminary injunction order of March 14, 1986, by selling and offering to sell obscene magazines on May 9 and on May 29, 1986. Finding Sequoia in contempt, the trial court imposed a fine of $500.

Sequoia posted the $5,000 bond as required by the January 21, 1987, order. While Sequoia appealed the permanent injunction, the State moved to revoke the bond and vacate any stay of enforcement of the trial court's January 21, 1987, order. The appellate court remanded for a factual hearing, which was conducted in the trial court on April 29, 1987. On May 4, 1987, the trial court entered an order finding that Sequoia had violated the conditions of the bond by selling obscene magazines on March 4 and March 5. On May 11, 1987, over the objections of Sequoia, the appellate court entered an order revoking the appeal

bond and dissolving the stay of the injunctive order. On May 29, 1987, this court denied Sequoia's request for a supervisory order to impose a stay.

The appellate court reversed, holding that "the order which enjoins the defendant from selling or exhibiting explicit material at the Denmark II Bookstore for one year acts as a prior restraint on its first amendment rights." (165 Ill. App. 3d at 149.) The court also stated that the *ex parte* temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction provisions of section 37-4 authorized prior restraints, and went on to hold that "the procedural elements of section 37-4 of the Code are constitutionally deficient in safeguarding presumptively protected speech," and that, therefore, the "Code (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-1 *et seq.*) is unconstitutional in its application to adult bookstores that sell sexually explicit materials." (165 Ill. App. 3d at 152-53.) Finally, the court concluded that "we reverse the injunctive orders issued by the circuit court of Kendall County." 165 Ill. App. 3d at 153.

For reasons which shall be clear at the end of this opinion, we will concentrate our discussion first on the bond and one-year closure provisions of section 37-4, and the constitutionality of the circuit court's orders under those provisions.

In order to decide the merits of appellees' challenge to the statute, we must first determine the appropriate standard of review. Citing the United States Supreme Court case of *Vance v. Universal Amusements* (1980), 445 U.S. 308, 63 L. Ed. 2d 413, 100 S. Ct. 1156, appellees argue that the trial court's final injunctive order is a "prior restraint," which, under the first amendment, is presumptively invalid and subject to the strictest scrutiny. This was also the reasoning of the appellate court. Citing *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.* (1986), 478 U.S. 697, 92 L. Ed. 2d 568, 106 S. Ct. 3172, the State argues that the injunctive order was not an impermissible prior restraint, and that its impact upon protected conduct is instead to be analyzed under the middle-level standard of review pre-

scribed by *United States v. O'Brien* (1968), 391 U.S. 367, 20 L. Ed. 2d 672, 88 S. Ct. 1673, for State regulation of expressive activities combining elements both of protected "speech" and of unprotected "conduct." The State also argues that the facts of *Arcara* are indistinguishable from the facts presented here, and that the case is, therefore, determinative.

Because of our ultimate resolution of this case, we find it unnecessary to decide whether the challenged statute does in fact authorize a prior restraint. This is a vexing question. Similar closure and padlocking provisions have generally been held invalid as prior restraints (*Spokane Arcades v. Brockett* (9th Cir. 1980), 631 F.2d 135, *aff'd without opinion* (1981), 454 U.S. 1022, 70 L. Ed. 2d 468, 102 S. Ct. 557; *Pollitt v. Connick* (E.D. La. 1984), 596 F. Supp. 261; *General Corp. v. State ex rel. Sweeton* (1975), 294 Ala. 657, 320 So. 2d 668; *People ex rel. Busch v. Projection Room Theatre* (1976), 17 Cal. 3d 42, 130 Cal. Rptr. 328, 550 P.2d 600; *Mitchem v. State ex rel. Schaub* (Fla. 1971), 250 So. 2d 883; *Sanders v. State* (1974), 231 Ga. 608, 203 S.E.2d 153; *State v. A Motion Picture Entitled "The Bet"* (1976), 219 Kan. 64, 547 P.2d 760; *Parish of Jefferson v. Bayou Landing Ltd.* (La. 1977), 350 So. 2d 158; *City of Minot v. Central Avenue News, Inc.* (N.D. 1981), 308 N.W.2d 851; *State ex rel. Field v. Hess* (Okla. 1975), 540 P.2d 1165; *Commonwealth ex rel. Davis v. Van Emberg* (Pa. 1975), 347 A.2d 712), although they have also, on occasion, been upheld (*State ex rel. Kidwell v. United States Marketing, Inc.* (1981), 102 Idaho 451, 631 P.2d 622; *State ex rel. Cahalan v. Diversified Theatrical Corps.* (1975), 59 Mich. App. 223, 229 N.W.2d 389, *rev'd on other grounds* (1976), 396 Mich. 244, 240 N.W.2d 460).

If we were to consider the challenged orders as prior restraints, they would be subject to the strictest scrutiny. As a general rule, prior restraints are presumptively invalid. (*Organization for a Better Austin v. Keefe* (1971), 402 U.S. 415, 419, 29 L. Ed. 2d 1, 5, 91 S. Ct. 1575, 1578.) In order to pass constitutional muster the restraint must either contain certain specified procedural safeguards (see

Fort Wayne Books, Inc. v. Indiana (U.S. Feb. 21, 1989), Nos. 87470, 87670, 87614, 57 U.S.L.W. 4108, 4184-85; *Freedman v. Maryland* (1965), 380 U.S. 51, 13 L. Ed. 2d 649, 85 S. Ct. 734), not present here, or must fall within one of several narrowly defined exceptions to the doctrine (see *Southeastern Promotions, Ltd. v. Conrad* (1975), 420 U.S. 546, 555, 43 L. Ed. 2d 448, 457, 95 S. Ct. 1239, 1245).

Whereas prior restraints upon speech are thus strongly disfavored, the State enjoys considerably more leeway where the challenged restriction regulates both " 'speech' and 'nonspeech' elements * * * combined in the same course of conduct." In such a case, State regulation is sufficiently justified if "it is within the constitutional power of the Government; if it furthers an important or substantial governmental interest; if the governmental interest is unrelated to the suppression of free expression; and if the incidental restriction on alleged First Amendment freedoms is no greater than is essential to the furtherance of that interest." (*O'Brien*, 391 U.S. at 376, 377, 20 L. Ed. 2d at 679, 680, 88 S. Ct. at 1678, 1679.) The State argues, and we agree, that the challenged restriction does indeed regulate elements of both speech and nonspeech combined in the same course of conduct.

The activity regulated is the sale and distribution of sexually explicit material, written and visual, from a single location and by a single seller. Insofar as the material is legally obscene, it forms no part of the "speech" protected by the first amendment. Insofar as the material is not obscene, it is speech, and remains fully clothed with first amendment guarantees. The regulation at issue impacts upon both: it increases the economic risks incurred by a person who sells material which falls both adjacent to and within the boundary of the legally obscene.

While we are therefore in agreement with the State that the *O'Brien* test applies to this statute, we do not also agree with its contention that *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.* (1986), 478 U.S. 697, 92 L. Ed. 2d 568, 106 S. Ct. 3172, is determinative. The reason is simple: *Arcara* did

not apply the *O'Brien* test, or, for that matter, any other first amendment standard.

In *Arcara*, a New York statute authorized the closure for one year of any building in which any " 'lewdness, assignation, or prostitution is conducted, permitted, or carried on, continued, or exists.' " (478 U.S. at 699, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 573, 106 S. Ct. at 3174.) The respondents owned and operated an "adult" bookstore, on the premises of which they permitted patrons to engage in various sexual acts, including masturbation, fondling, fellatio, and solicitation of prostitution. On the basis of these activities, the district attorney filed a civil complaint against the respondents, seeking a one-year closure order. The New York Court of Appeals reversed the denial of respondents' motion for summary judgment, analogizing the order to a prior restraint and applying the *O'Brien* test. The court of appeals determined that the closure remedy fell within the constitutional power of the State, furthered a substantial interest in thwarting prostitution, and served a purpose unrelated to the suppression of speech. The court of appeals concluded, however, that the closure order swept more broadly than was necessary to achieve the State interest in restriction of illicit commercial sexual activity on the premises.

On writ of *certiorari* the United States Supreme Court reversed, precisely because a majority of the Court believed that the *O'Brien* test did not apply. The Court held that the *O'Brien* test applies only where the activity regulated possessed some "significant expressive element that drew the legal remedy in the first place," or where "a statute based on a nonexpressive activity had the inevitable effect of singling out those engaged in expressive activity." (*Arcara*, 478 U.S. at 706-07, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 578, 106 S. Ct. at 3178.) Since the sexual conduct regulated in *Arcara* contained "absolutely no element of protected expression" (478 U.S. at 705, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 577, 106 S. Ct. at 3177) and had "nothing to do with books or other expressive activity" (478 U.S. at 707, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 578,

106 S. Ct. at 3178), the happenstance that it occurred in a bookstore did not confer any first amendment protection on the bookstore owner. As the Court put it:

> "[N]either the press nor booksellers may claim special protection from governmental regulations of general applicability simply by virtue of their First Amendment protected activities. If the city imposed closure penalties for demonstrated Fire Code violations or health hazards from inadequate sewage treatment, the First Amendment would not aid the owner of premises who had knowingly allowed such violations to persist." (478 U.S. at 705, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 577, 106 S. Ct. at 3177.)

Or as Justice O'Connor, concurring, put it: "Any other conclusion would lead to the absurd result that any government action that had some conceivable speech-inhibiting consequences, such as the arrest of a newscaster for a traffic violation, would require analysis under the First Amendment." 478 U.S. at 708, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 578-79, 106 S. Ct. at 3178 (O'Connor, J., concurring).

The State argues that the sale of obscene material is the equivalent of the sexual conduct involved in *Arcara*. If the State were correct, our analysis would be at an end, because the absence of even a minimal first amendment interest would rob the appellees' challenge to the statute of any merit whatsoever. But we do not agree that the sale of obscene material and actual sexual conduct can be so easily equated.

Obscenity is not protected by the first amendment, because an obscene work, by definition: (1) "appeal[s] to the prurient interest," (2) "describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law" and (3) "lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value." (*Miller v. California* (1973), 413 U.S. 15, 24, 37 L. Ed. 2d 419, 431, 93 S. Ct. 2607, 2615.) Because "the protection given speech and press was fashioned to assure unfettered interchange of ideas for the bringing about of political and social changes desired by

the people," the first amendment can confer no protection upon works which are "utterly without redeeming social importance" (*Roth v. United States* (1957), 354 U.S. 476, 484-85, 1 L. Ed. 2d 1498, 1506-07, 77 S. Ct. 1304, 1309), and which form "no essential part of any exposition of ideas" (*Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire* (1942), 315 U.S. 568, 571, 572, 86 L. Ed. 1031, 1035, 62 S. Ct. 766, 769). Putting the point in another way, we have no reason to think our political, social, or cultural life will suffer in the absence of material which does nothing more than exploit, for commercial ends, patently offensive depictions of sex.

On the other hand, sexually explicit materials, even those ultimately adjudged to be obscene, share with protected speech certain characteristics which are not shared by noncommunicative activity, and which may justify closer scrutiny of governmental regulation which affects them. Sexually explicit materials, like the speech which is fully protected by the first amendment, are composed of symbols—words and pictures—which usually serve to communicate ideas, however worthless these ideas may be. Illusion and reality are not the same thing. Although certain commentators have compared obscenity to sexual conduct because, arguably, obscene materials are designed to produce palpable physiological effects (see Schauer, *Speech and "Speech"—Obscenity and "Obscenity": An Exercise in the Interpretation of Constitutional Language*, 67 Geo. L.J. 899, 922-23 (1979)), the bright line between sex and depiction of sex remains. More importantly, the boundary between obscene "non-speech" and speech is shadowy compared to the line which normally separates protected speech from unprotected conduct. For these reasons, the United States Supreme Court has acknowledged "the inherent dangers of undertaking to regulate any form of expression. State statutes designed to regulate obscene materials must be carefully limited." *Miller*, 413 U.S. at 23-24, 37 L. Ed. 2d at 430, 93 S. Ct. at 2614.

Our conclusion that the predicate conduct in this case is to be treated differently than the predicate conduct in

Arcara is reinforced by the language of *Arcara* itself. It would be difficult to conclude that the sale of obscene books has "nothing to do with books or other expressive activity," and "bears absolutely no connection to any expressive activity." (*Arcara*, 478 U.S. at 707 n.3, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 578 n.3, 106 S. Ct. at 3177 n.3.) Indeed, it is an activity at least as closely connected to the first amendment as draft-card burning (*O'Brien*, 391 U.S. at 376, 20 L. Ed. 2d at 679, 88 S. Ct. at 1678), symbolic sleeping and camping (*Clark v. Community for Creative Non-Violence* (1984), 468 U.S. 288, 82 L. Ed. 2d 221, 104 S. Ct. 3065), littering (*Schneider v. State* (1939), 308 U.S. 147, 161, 84 L. Ed. 155, 164-65, 60 S. Ct. 146, 150-51), trespassing (*Marsh v. Alabama* (1946), 326 U.S. 501, 90 L. Ed. 2d 265, 66 S. Ct. 276), or making noise (*Grayned v. City of Rockford* (1972), 408 U.S. 104, 33 L. Ed. 2d 222, 92 S. Ct. 2294), all of which have been afforded some degree of first amendment protection when they were "intimately related to expressive conduct protected under the First Amendment" (*Arcara*, 478 U.S. at 706-07 n.3, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 578 n.3, 106 S. Ct. at 3177 n.3). Since sellers of obscene materials are often, as in this case, also sellers of protected speech, regulations which affect them must be carefully scrutinized in order that the proscription of the obscene does not unduly affect the distribution of protected expression. Similar concerns would be raised by a statute which closed an entire newspaper on the basis of individual instances of unprotected libelous falsehoods which had appeared within its pages.

The same point was made by Justice O'Connor in concurrence to *Arcara* when she stated:

> "If * * * a city were to use a nuisance statute as a pretext for closing down a bookstore because it sold indecent books or because of the perceived secondary effects of having a purveyor of such books in the neighborhood, the case would clearly implicate First Amendment concerns and require analysis under the appropriate First Amendment standard of review." *Arcara*, 478 U.S. at 708, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 579, 106 S. Ct. at 3178 (O'Connor, J., concurring).

While Justice O'Connor was referring to the possibility of selective prosecution under a nuisance statute which penalized activity unrelated to speech, the same concern applies *a fortiori* to a nuisance statute which is specifically directed at expressive activity. And while the State argues that this statement only refers to nuisance abatements directed at sellers of material which is "indecent"—a category broader than the legally obscene—we cannot agree that restrictions upon expressive activity, even upon unprotected expressive activity, are completely immune from first amendment review.

We thus come to the application of the *O'Brien* test to the challenged restriction. The State argues that the first two prongs of the test have been met because the "power to abate nuisances" falls within the State's police power and because "preventing the commission of crime is an important government interest." We agree that these two prongs have been met, but not for the reasons advanced by the State. The question presented is not constitutionality of the nuisance abatement statute in general, but its constitutionality as applied in order to penalize or prevent the use of real property to purvey obscenity. We find that the authority exercised is within the police power of the State, and that the State's interest in suppressing the use of property to purvey obscenity is substantial.

There is no question that "adult" bookstores and theaters which disseminate obscenity can be controlled under the "State's broad power to regulate commerce and protect the public environment." (*Paris Adult Theatre I v. Slaton* (1973), 413 U.S. 49, 68-69, 37 L. Ed. 2d 446, 463-64, 93 S. Ct. 2628, 2641.) The nature and strength of the State interests in the exercise of that power have, however, rarely been canvassed, precisely because obscenity has been treated as "nonspeech" for whose proscription the State need not advance any rationale at all. (G. Gunther, Cases and Materials on Constitutional Law 1344 (10th ed. 1980).) However, it has been stated, and we agree, that the legitimate State interests at stake include

"the quality of life and the total community environment, the tone of commerce in the great city centers, and, possibly, the public safety itself." (*Paris Adult Theatre I*, 413 U.S. at 58, 37 L. Ed. 2d at 457, 93 S. Ct. at 2635.) Common experience, and common sense, suggest that "a sensitive, key relationship of human existence, central to family life, community welfare, and the development of human personality, can be debased and distorted by crass commercial exploitation of sex." (413 U.S. at 63, 37 L. Ed. 2d at 460, 93 S. Ct. at 2638.) There is also some evidence that obscenity may lead to antisocial behavior, and, in particular, to violence against women. (See, *e.g.*, van den Haag, *Is Pornography a Cause of Crime?* in The Case Against Pornography 162-64 (D. Holbrook ed. 1973); Morgan, *Theory and Practice: Pornography and Rape* in Take Back the Night: Women on Pornography 139-40 (L. Lederer ed. 1980).) More pertinently for the regulation asserted here, the sale of obscenity by "adult" theatres and bookstores, particularly when several of these establishments are concentrated in one neighborhood, "tends to attract an undesirable quantity and quality of transients, adversely affects property values, causes an increase in crime, especially prostitution, and encourages residents and businesses to move elsewhere." *Young v. American Mini Theatres, Inc.* (1976), 427 U.S. 50, 55, 49 L. Ed. 2d 310, 317, 96 S. Ct. 2440, 2445.

We think that it can be taken for granted that these interests are important and substantial. Since, by definition, obscenity is not protected speech, it may also be conceded that the State's interest in the suppression of obscenity, either in general or at particular locations, is an interest unrelated to the suppression of speech. We do not agree, however, that the incidental restriction on protected speech resulting from this statute is no greater than is essential to the furtherance of that interest.

Insofar as the remedy of nuisance abatement is intended as simply another weapon in the State's antiobscenity arsenal, it is too blunt an instrument. Under the ordinary penal law relating to obscenity, punishment is fairly well

calibrated to the nature and gravity of the crime. Each discrete act of selling obscene material is subject to penal sanction. Someone who sells 100 obscene books is, theoretically at least, subject to more severe punishment than someone who sells only a single volume. Under the nuisance statute, on the other hand, the owner of property from which a single obscene work is sold stands in the same danger of losing, for one year, the entire value of his investment, as does the owner of a property from which are sold obscene works in the hundreds or thousands.

This blunderbuss approach to the regulation of obscenity is inconsistent with our traditional insistence that the regulation of any form of expression, even of obscenity, be carefully drawn so as not to impact unduly upon protected speech. It is comparable to the antiobscenity provisions struck down in *J-R Distributors, Inc. v. Eikenberry* (9th Cir. 1984), 725 F.2d 482, which provided for unlimited civil fines based on the total profits of an establishment deemed a moral nuisance for sale of obscenity, no matter whether these profits were derived from the sale of obscenity or of protected speech. As in that case, the statute at issue here has "the effect of preventing the dissemination of protected speech simply because obscene speech originated from the same location." (725 F.2d at 495.) Moreover, obscenity, unlike the other criminal acts which may trigger a nuisance abatement, is unique—because it is so closely related to, and so hard to distinguish from, protected speech. For this reason, nuisance abatements tend to single out owners of bookstores for harsher treatment than the owners of other kinds of commercial property, and may also be unconstitutional on that ground as well. See *Minneapolis Star & Tribune Co. v. Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue* (1983), 460 U.S. 575, 75 L. Ed. 2d 295, 103 S. Ct. 1365.

The State argues that the effect of the abatement is not, after all, very great, since the bookstore owner is free to continue selling books at any other location. If this were really true, it would undercut the State's claim that the statute is needed to serve the State's general interest

in suppressing obscenity. If the State were right, the statute will only move the dissemination of obscenity from one place to another, and would not reduce the volume of obscenity ultimately reaching the consumer. In fact, of course, the statute will be effective only if it deters the initial dissemination of obscenity by subjecting bookstore owners to a greater economic risk then they already face under the penal law. But the State has not even argued, much less demonstrated, why penalties imposed upon the individual sales of specific obscene works, or increases in those penalties, are not a sufficient general deterrent.

Moreover, to the extent that the State is right, and the statute will be an additional deterrent, it will only be effective insofar as it dissuades booksellers from distributing material which falls even arguably close to the shadowy area separating protected speech from unprotected obscenity. Booksellers already pay a price for the distribution of any particular obscene work. Subjecting them to an additional penalty, whose magnitude will vary only with the value of their investment in their premises, would only make sense if the goal were to prevent the dissemination of all sexually explicit material from a particular location, whether or not it was protected. We do not believe that the State's laudable goal of deterring the dissemination of obscenity justifies this kind of overkill.

Similarly, the statute cannot be justified on the grounds of special deterrence: as a means of preventing convicted sellers of obscenity from purveying more of the same in the future. Again, the State has not argued, much less demonstrated, that the usual criminal penalties are not sufficient to achieve this end. The statute only adds to the effectiveness of the penalties already on the books insofar as it prevents a convicted seller of obscenity from selling any books at all, at least for the specified period. Aborting the dissemination of protected speech so as to prevent the possible dissemination of unprotected expression smacks of a prior restraint. In any case, the incidental burden on protected speech is far greater than is necessary to achieve the State's substantial interest in suppressing obscenity.

Lastly, we consider the State's interest in controlling the environmental or secondary effects of the sale of obscenity. This interest may be what the State is talking about when it says that "the property focus of the instant legislation is what distinguishes this case from those which involve the licensing or banning of the communicative activity itself." However, the State has at its disposal far less draconian, and far more narrowly focused, means of combatting pornography's environmental effects. Zoning restrictions, which may either disperse sale of sexually explicit materials to widely separated locations (*Young v. American Mini Theatres, Inc.* (1976), 427 U.S. 50, 49 L. Ed. 2d 310, 96 S. Ct. 2440), or confine it to a relatively small, nonresidential zone (*County of Cook v. Renaissance Arcade & Bookstore* (1988), 122 Ill. 2d 123), have been repeatedly upheld. The State can also abate as nuisances establishments which tolerate or promote sexual and other crimes on their premises. (*Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.* (1986), 478 U.S. 697, 92 L. Ed. 2d 568, 106 S. Ct. 3172.) Given the existence of these alternatives, the State has no need to combat obscenity's environmental effects by abating, as nuisances, particular properties upon which obscene works have been sold.

We come to the scope of our holding. The appellate court declared sections 37-1 and 37-4 unconstitutional insofar as they "applied to adult bookstores that sell sexually explicit materials." We frame our holding somewhat differently. Section 37-1 itself merely states that a building used in the commission of, among other offenses, obscenity (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 11-20) is to be considered a public nuisance, and that a person who knowingly maintains such a nuisance commits a Class A misdemeanor (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-1(b)). The penal provision of this section is not properly before us, for the simple reason that appellee has not been convicted under this provision. Therefore, we need not reach the question of whether section 37-1 is constitutional as applied to obscenity. The one-year closure and bond provisions of section 37-4, which were applied in this case, are

declared unconstitutional as applied to properties which have been adjudicated to be nuisances solely on account of their use in the commission of the offense of obscenity under section 11-20 of the Criminal Code of 1961. We express no opinion, however, as to the constitutionality of section 37-4 as applied to the predicate offenses of child pornography (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 11-20.1), distribution of harmful material to minors (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 11-21) or tie-in sales of obscene publications to distributors (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 11-22), none of which were invoked as predicate offenses in this case.

It only remains to consider the *ex parte* preliminary injunction and temporary restraining order provisions of section 37-4. The appellate court discussed these provisions briefly, and seemingly held them also unconstitutional as prior restraints, although that is not entirely clear from the opinion. In an appeal from a collateral proceeding, which held the appellees in criminal contempt for violating the preliminary injunction, another panel of the appellate court upheld the constitutionality of the preliminary injunction, while acknowledging that the bond and one-year closure orders were unconstitutional. (*People v. Sequoia Books, Inc.* (1988), 172 Ill. App. 3d 627, 632-38.) On the other hand, the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois has held in an unpublished order that the preliminary injunction provisions of the statute are unconstitutional, but the one-year closure provisions are constitutional. (*Eagle Books, Inc. v. Difanis* (C.D. Ill. March 11, 1987), No. 86-2006.) This decision is currently on appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. We believe that we need not consider whether the *ex parte* provisions, standing alone, would pass constitutional muster. As a general rule, the invalidation of one portion of a statute on constitutional grounds will invalidate the remaining portion, unless the portion that remains is "complete and capable of being executed wholly independently of that which is rejected." (*County of Cook v. Renaissance Arcade & Bookstore*

(1988), 122 Ill. 2d 123, 152; accord *George D. Hardin, Inc. v. Village of Mount Prospect* (1983), 99 Ill. 2d 96, 101-02.) Here, with the bond and closure provisions held unconstitutional as to obscene material, the *ex parte* provisions which remain are pointless, since they are only intended to preserve the status quo pending a final adjudication that the property constitutes a nuisance. We therefore hold that the *ex parte* provisions of section 37-4 are unconstitutional as applied to properties which are claimed to be nuisances solely on account of their use in the commission of the offense of obscenity under section 11-20 of the Criminal Code of 1961. To the extent that statements in *People v. Sequoia Books, Inc.* (1988), 172 Ill. App. 3d 627, holding the *ex parte* provisions to be constitutional, are inconsistent with the views expressed herein, those statements are overruled, but we note that the contempt finding in *Sequoia Books* may in any case be sustained on the ground that the appellees were collaterally barred from acting in defiance of the court's order. See *Walker v. City of Birmingham* (1967), 388 U.S. 307, 18 L. Ed. 2d 1210, 87 S. Ct. 1824.

For the foregoing reasons, the orders of the circuit court of Kendall County are reversed, and the judgment of the appellate court is affirmed as modified to hold that section 37-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 is unconstitutional as applied to properties which have been adjudicated, or are asserted, to be nuisances solely on account of their use in the commission of the offense of obscenity under section 11-20 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

Judgment of the appellate court affirmed as modified; judgment of the circuit court reversed.

CHIEF JUSTICE MORAN took no part in the consideration or decision of this case.

JUSTICE MILLER, dissenting:

I do not agree with the majority's conclusion that the closure and release provisions of the nuisance abatement scheme contained in section 37-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 38, par. 37-4) violate the defendants' constitutional rights of free expression, and therefore I respectfully dissent.

The only challenge raised by the defendants to the closure and release provisions of section 37-4 is that the statute operates as an unconstitutional prior restraint on free expression, and it was on this ground that the appellate court ruled in the defendants' favor. The majority, however, reaches the same result for a different reason, holding that application of the nuisance statute to the predicate conduct of obscenity violates the test developed in *United States v. O'Brien* (1968), 391 U.S. 367, 20 L. Ed. 2d 672, 88 S. Ct. 1673, for evaluating governmental regulations of symbolic speech. In answer to the argument made by the defendants, I would hold that the closure and release provisions are not, in these circumstances, an invalid prior restraint. In answer to the question discussed by the majority, I would hold that the provisions satisfy the requirements of the *O'Brien* test assuming that *O'Brien* is applicable here.

Obscenity cannot claim any constitutional protection. (*Miller v. California* (1973), 413 U.S. 15, 87 L. Ed. 2d 419, 93 S. Ct. 2607; *Roth v. United States* (1957), 354 U.S. 476, 1 L. Ed. 2d 1498, 77 S. Ct. 1304.) Because a closure order will prohibit all activity at the subject premises for the duration of the decree unless a bond is posted, the defendants believe that the effect of such a scheme is to improperly restrain, in advance, all expression, including protected speech, at that location. (See *Near v. Minnesota ex rel. Olson* (1931), 283 U.S. 697, 75 L. Ed. 1357, 51 S. Ct. 625.) Courts have been divided on this question. In some jurisdictions, statutes purporting to authorize the

closure of adult bookstores and theatres as nuisances based on the past dissemination of obscene material have been struck down as invalid prior restraints. (See *General Corp. v. State ex rel. Sweeton* (1975), 294 Ala. 657, 320 So. 2d 668, 675-76; *People ex rel. Busch v. Projection Room Theater* (1976), 17 Cal. 3d 42, 58, 550 P.2d 600, 609-10, 130 Cal. Rptr. 328, 337-38; *Sanders v. State* (1974), 231 Ga. 608, 614, 203 S.E.2d 153, 157; *State v. A Motion Picture Entitled "The Bet"* (1976), 219 Kan. 64, 73-77, 547 P.2d 760, 769-71; *Gulf States Theatres of Louisiana, Inc. v. Richardson* (La. 1973), 287 So. 2d 480, 491-92; *City of Minot v. Central Avenue News, Inc.* (N.D. 1981), 308 N.W.2d 851, 871.) Closure statutes have been upheld in other jurisdictions. (See *People ex rel. Kidwell v. U.S. Marketing, Inc.* (1981), 102 Idaho 451, 631 P.2d 622; *State ex rel. Cahalan v. Diversified Theatrical Corp.* (1975), 59 Mich. App. 223, 237-38, 229 N.W.2d 389, 396-97, *rev'd on other grounds* (1976), 396 Mich. 244, 240 N.W.2d 460.) I do not believe that our State's nuisance abatement scheme operates as an invalid prior restraint, and I would sustain the provisions.

Under section 37-4, property constituting a public nuisance may be ordered closed for a period of one year following a judicial determination that a nuisance was maintained on the premises "with the intentional, knowing, reckless or negligent permission of the owner" or his agent. Section 37-1 (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 38, par. 37-1) defines the term "public nuisance" as "[a]ny building used in the commission of" certain enumerated offenses. The offenses that may serve as the predicate conduct for a public nuisance include murder, kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping, keeping a place of prostitution, obscenity, child pornography, possession of explosives or incendiary devices, and gambling and keeping a gambling place. (See Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 38, pars. 9-1, 10-1, 10-2, 11-17, 11-20, 11-20.1, 20-2, 28-1, 28-3.) An owner may gain the release of his property from a closure order by posting "bond with sufficient security or surety approved by the court, in an amount between $1,000 and $5,000 inclusive,

* * * and including a condition that no offense specified in Section 37-1 of this Act shall be committed at, in or upon the property described and a condition that the principal obligor and surety assume responsibility for any fine, costs or damages resulting from such an offense thereafter." Section 37-4 also authorizes certain *ex parte* proceedings that may result in the issuance of temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions against maintaining a public nuisance. I confine my analysis to the closure and release provisions at issue here.

A bookseller convicted of a criminal offense, including obscenity, cannot avoid imprisonment simply by claiming that incarceration will curtail his constitutional rights of free expression. Nor can the owner of a structure that houses a bookstore escape penalties for local building code violations simply by asserting the constitutionally protected status of that business. The closure and release provisions of section 37-4 should be considered in a similar light. If the provisions serve a penal purpose, unrelated to the suppression of protected speech, then I would sustain the measures as a proper exercise of the police power. An examination of the provisions and a comparison of their sanctions with the penalties for related illegal conduct persuade me that the closure and release provisions are valid.

The effects of a closure order are less onerous than the consequences that may result from conviction for either the offense of maintaining a public nuisance or the predicate offense of obscenity. A closure order operates only against the premises where the violations occurred. The lessee and the property owner both remain free to transact their businesses at any other location. Moreover, a party who takes advantage of the release provision of section 37-4 may, by posting a bond in an amount between $1,000 and $5,000, continue operating at the affected location upon the condition that none of the offenses specified in section 37-1 will occur there. The closure and release provisions thus serve to deter the commission of illegal conduct.

Commission of a public nuisance under section 37-1 of the Criminal Code is a Class A misdemeanor; a second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 38, par. 37-1(b).) Obscenity, the predicate conduct in this case, is classified similarly: a first offense is a Class A misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 38, par. 11-20(d).) A Class 4 felony is punishable by a term of imprisonment of between one and three years; a Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a sentence of imprisonment of less than one year. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 38, pars. 1005-8-1(a)(7), 1005-8-3(a)(1).) The maximum fine for a felony is $10,000, and the maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor is $1,000. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 38, pars. 1005-9-1(a)(1), (a)(2).) Thus, section 37-4, which authorizes the closure of the premises for a one-year period, is no more severe than the maximum period of incarceration that may be imposed for the misdemeanor offenses of obscenity or maintaining a nuisance. The bond required for release of property from a closure order may be in an amount between $1,000 and $5,000, which lies in the middle of the range of fines that may be imposed against felony violators of the obscenity and nuisance statutes. These similarities between the potential punishment for the predicate conduct and the duration of the closure order and the authorized amounts of the release bond demonstrate that the abatement provisions of section 37-4 serve a penal purpose, which is designed to exercise a deterrent effect on illegal conduct of the nature specified in section 37-1.

Nor can it be argued that the release provision, allowing continued operations at the premises upon the condition that no violation of the offenses enumerated in section 37-1 occur there, including the offense of obscenity, provides an inadequate guide for future conduct. That objection assumes that the definition of obscenity is unconstitutionally vague, which is an entirely separate question, and one that is not raised here. The terms of the release provision, and indeed of any injunctive measure prohibiting the sale or distribution of obscene materials, are no less clear than the criminal law on which they are based.

The Supreme Court has held that an injunction may issue against the future dissemination of a specific item that has been determined to be obscene. (*Kingsley Books, Inc. v. Brown* (1957), 354 U.S. 436, 1 L. Ed. 2d 1469, 77 S. Ct. 1325.) This court has held that a party may be enjoined from committing unspecified acts of obscenity in the future. (*City of Chicago v. Festival Theatre Corp.* (1982), 91 Ill. 2d 295.) The nuisance abatement scheme of section 37-4 authorizes the temporary forfeiture of the use of premises employed in the commission of certain offenses. An owner may gain release of his property by posting the necessary bond, subject to the condition that further violations of the criminal statutes specified in section 37-1 will not occur during the pendency of the bond. I would conclude that the statutory scheme is not an invalid prior restraint.

Rather than analyze the closure and release provisions of section 37-4 under the prior restraint doctrine, as the defendants urge, the majority relies instead on the four-part test developed in *United States v. O'Brien* (1968), 391 U.S. 367, 20 L. Ed. 2d 672, 88 S. Ct. 1673, a case involving governmental regulation of symbolic speech. Indeed, a number of commentators have suggested use of the *O'Brien* test in cases involving closure, or padlock, orders in anti-obscenity nuisance proceedings. (See Note, *Restraining Prior Restraint, or a Call for Balancing in Evaluating Obscenity Abatement Statutes: City of Paducah v. Investment Entertainment, Inc.*, 82 Nw. U.L. Rev. 181, 202-10 (1987); Note, *Pornography, Padlocks, & Prior Restraints: The Constitutional Limits of the Nuisance Power*, 58 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 1478, 1513-28 (1983).) An early application of *O'Brien* to regulations affecting sexually explicit material came in Justice Powell's concurring opinion in *Young v. American Mini Theaters, Inc.* (1976), 427 U.S. 50, 49 L. Ed. 2d 310, 96 S. Ct. 2440. *Young* involved a Detroit zoning ordinance that contained locational restrictions on certain land uses, including theatres and bookstores exhibiting or selling sexually explicit, though not necessarily obscene, material. The operators of two adult

theatres challenged the zoning scheme on a number of constitutional grounds. A majority of the Court ruled that the ordinance was not unconstitutionally vague and did not operate as an invalid prior restraint on protected expression. The Court also rejected the theatre operators' argument that the classification system on which the ordinance was based, with its distinction between businesses that purveyed sexually explicit material and those that did not, was a denial of equal protection. A plurality believed that sexually explicit material warranted less protection than pure political speech and found no reason to upset the scheme. Justice Powell, who supplied the necessary fifth vote for the Court's rejection of the theatre operators' equal protection argument, analyzed the ordinance under *O'Brien* instead. He too concluded that the Detroit zoning ordinance was constitutional.

The fourth part of the *O'Brien* test asks whether "the incidental restriction on alleged First Amendment freedoms is no greater than is essential to the furtherance of [the governmental] interest" (*O'Brien*, 391 U.S. at 377, 20 L. Ed. 2d at 680, 88 S. Ct. at 1679), and the majority concludes that the closure and release provisions at issue in this case unnecessarily interfere with protected expression.

One may question whether the *O'Brien* test is applicable here. *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.* (1986), 478 U.S. 697, 92 L. Ed. 2d 568, 106 S. Ct. 3172, involved the one-year closure of a bookstore, pursuant to a State statute, where prostitution and other acts of lewdness had occurred. As the majority opinion recounts, the Court ruled that the *O'Brien* test was not applicable in that case. Referring to the decision of the New York Court of Appeals, which had relied on *O'Brien* in striking the closure order, the Supreme Court stated:

> "That court ignored a crucial distinction between the circumstances presented in *O'Brien* and the circumstances of this case: unlike the symbolic draft card burning in *O'Brien*, the sexual activity carried on in

> this case manifests absolutely no element of protected expression. In *Paris Adult Theatre I v. Slaton*, 413 U.S. 49, 67, 37 L. Ed. 2d 446, 93 S. Ct. 2628 (1973), we underscored the fallacy of seeking to use the First Amendment as a cloak for obviously unlawful public sexual conduct by the diaphanous device of attributing protected expressive attributes to that conduct. First Amendment values may not be invoked by merely linking the words 'sex' and 'books.' " 478 U.S. at 705, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 576-77, 106 S. Ct. at 3176-77.

Here too the conduct that brought on application of the nuisance abatement scheme contained no protected expressive element. Obscenity, whether in conduct, in words, or in pictures, enjoys no constitutional protection; words alone may be legally obscene, and therefore unprotected. (*Kaplan v. California* (1973), 413 U.S. 115, 118-19, 37 L. Ed. 2d 492, 496-97, 93 S. Ct. 2680, 2683-84.) Because the predicate obscenity in this case, like the predicate acts of sexual conduct in *Arcara*, was completely unprotected by the first and fourteenth amendments, I would conclude that *O'Brien*, relied on by the majority, is inapplicable here as well. It may be noted that the zoning ordinance at issue in *Young*, in which Justice Powell invoked *O'Brien* in his concurring opinion, regulated sexually explicit, but not necessarily obscene, material and therefore had an impact on protected expression. And contrary to the majority's view, the closure and release provisions do not have the effect of singling out for regulation bookstores and other purveyors of protected expression. The nuisance abatement scheme may be triggered by a wide variety of offenses, as enumerated in section 37-1.

Assuming, nevertheless, that application of the *O'Brien* test to this case is appropriate, I do not agree with the majority's holding that the closure and release provisions at issue here fail to satisfy the fourth element of that test. In *Young*, in rejecting the theatre operators' equal protection challenge to the classification scheme created by the zoning ordinance, Justice Stevens stated:

> "[E]ven though we recognize that the First Amendment will not tolerate the total suppression of erotic materials that have some arguably artistic value, it is manifest that society's interest in protecting this type of expression is of a wholly different, and lesser, magnitude than the interest in untrammeled political debate * * *. Whether political oratory or philosophical discussion moves us to applaud or to despise what is said, every schoolchild can understand why our duty to defend the right to speak remains the same. But few of us would march our sons and daughters off to war to preserve the citizens right to see 'Specified Sexual Activities' exhibited in the theaters of our choice." (*Young*, 427 U.S. at 70, 49 L. Ed. 2d at 326, 96 S. Ct. at 2452 (plurality opinion).)

Writing for a plurality, Justice Stevens concluded that the State could classify land uses on the basis of the sexually explicit material disseminated from the affected businesses.

I would assess the effect of the closure and release provisions on the defendants' constitutionally protected activities in a similar light. The defendants here have been convicted of obscenity. The closure provision, which punishes past violation and deters future dissemination of unprotected material, is no more onerous than criminal sanctions of fines or imprisonment would be. It is applicable only to the premises where the violations took place, and the defendants remain free to transact business in other locations. Moreover, the defendants may gain release of their premises by posting the necessary bond. I would conclude that those aspects of the nuisance abatement scheme are constitutional.

JUSTICE RYAN joins in this dissent.

APPENDIX B

[Filed January 19, 1988]

Nos. 2-87-0074 & 87-0157 Cons.

IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS
SECOND DISTRICT

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

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JUSTICE WOODWARD, delivered the opinion of the court:

Defendants, Sequoia Books, Inc. (Sequoia), and Bruce and Cathy Riemenschneider (Riemenschneiders), appeal from a permanent injunction issued by the circuit court of Kendall County which restrained them from using a building commonly known as "Denmark II" for one year.

On January 7, 1986, the Kendall County State's Attorney filed a complaint for injunction directed against Sequoia and Riemenschneiders under the new authority of section 37-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (Code) (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-1 *et seq.*). The complaint asserted, in substance, that Sequoia operated the Denmark II bookstore at a location on U.S. Route 30, in Kendall County, which was owned by Riemenschneiders, from which location Sequoia disseminated sexually explicit items which were obscene. The complaint further contended that Sequoia and its employees continued to sell materials, including magazines, despite criminal convictions for obscenity and jury determinations that magazines sold at the store were obscene. Accordingly, the State prayed that the business location be declared a public nuisance and that the trial court issue preliminary and permanent injunctions closing the building.

Sequoia responded with a motion to dismiss which, *inter alia*, contended that the amended statute was unconstitutional on its face because it permitted the imposition of an invalid prior restraint on future speech and because it did not contain the procedural safeguards of a system of prior restraint. At an initial hearing on the complaint, the trial court denied the motion to dismiss and indicated its belief that the Code was constitutional.

At the February 19, 1986, hearing and at a subsequent hearing held August 29, 1986, the trial court, by the testimony of witnesses and through judicial notice, heard a body of factual evidence about the ownership and operation of the Denmark II Bookstore. Since 1982 the location has been owned by the Riemenschneiders who lease

it to Sequoia for the operation of the bookstore. Sequoia operates an adult bookstore on the business premises which offers for sale sexually explicit magazines.

From 1982 to 1985, 40 criminal cases had been filed by the Kendall County State's Attorney against Sequoia or its employees, charging violation of the obscenity statute with respect to approximately 1,500 magazines. Twenty-six of those cases were dismissed by agreement based on a policy of the State's Attorney to not prosecute clerks who left the employment of the store. Three cases against clerks resulted in directed verdicts in the defendants' favor on the basis of failure of proof on the issue of *scienter*. Two cases were jury verdicts of not guilty in favor of defendants who were clerks, and one jury verdict of not guilty was returned in favor of Sequoia. Two hundred thirty-three magazines had been charged in these cases. One jury verdict of guilty was returned against a defendant-clerk, and seven jury verdicts of guilty were returned against the corporate defendant. In those cases, 165 magazines were determined by the jury to be obscene, 40 magazines were determined to be not obscene, and no jury determination was obtained as to 255 magazines because they were withdrawn from consideration by the filing of amended charges.

In 1986 the Kendall County State's Attorney commenced four criminal actions against Sequoia and secured jury verdicts of guilty in each of the cases. Those verdicts included jury findings that 558 magazines were obscene and 13 magazines were not obscene.

On March 12, 1986, the trial court issued a preliminary injunction against Sequoia. The order ws reduced to writing on March 14, 1986, and stated in part:

> "[T]his Court hereby enjoins the defendant, Sequoia Books, Inc., its agents, employees and assigns from maintaining the public nuisance * * * and further expressly enjoins the defendant, Sequoia Books, Inc., its agents employees and assigns from exhibiting, selling or offering for sale materials in violation of Chapter 38, Section 11-20 Illinois Revised Statutes."

An attempted interlocutory appeal of this order was dismissed by this court on May 1, 1986, as being improperly perfected.

On July 25, 1986, the Kendall County State's Attorney filed a petition for rule to show cause against Sequoia alleging violation of the preliminary injunction order for the sale or offer of sale of obscene magazines on March 27 and 28, 1986, and May 9 and 29, 1986. Sequoia filed written objections in response on August 29, 1986, and contended that the preliminary injunction order was unconstitutional and the procedure being utilized imposed an invalid prior restraint.

On August 29, 1986, a hearing on the request for a permanent injunction was held. On January 7, 1987, the trial court orally pronounced its ruling that it would grant injunctive relief and order the building closed, but would stay the closure upon the posting of a bond:

> "I think that the injunction would be that they are enjoined from selling obscene magazines on the premises and that the premises should be closed for six months unless Sequoia or—and Riemenschneider give a bond that obscene magazines are not going to be sold from the premises and if they are, then they will—then judgment will be entered against them for that amount."

On January 21, 1987, the trial court entered a written order which enjoined Sequoia from maintaining a public nuisance in the Denmark II Bookstore location and expressly enjoined the exhibition, sale, or offer of sale of obscene materials from the premises. The written order also enjoined both Sequoia and Riemenschneiders from using the business premises for one year, provided that upon posting a bond in the amount of $5,000 and further conditioned upon no violation of offenses specified in section 37-1 of the Code, the building could be used.

Also on January 21, 1987, the trial court found that Sequoia had violated the preliminary injunction order of March 14, 1986, for the sale and offer of sale of magazines

on May 9 and May 29, 1986. Finding Sequoia in contempt, the trial court imposed a fine of $500.

Sequoia posted the $5,000 bond as required by the January 21, 1987, order. While this appeal was pending, the People moved to revoke the bond and vacate any stay of enforcement of the trial court's January 21, 1987, order. This court remanded for a factual hearing which was held in the trial court on April 29, 1987, and on May 4, 1987, the trial court entered an order finding that on March 4 and 5, 1987, Sequoia had sold obscene magazines at the business premises and had, therefore, violated the conditions of the bond. On May 11, 1987, over the objections of Sequoia, this court entered an order revoking the appeal bond and dissolving the stay of the injunctive order. On May 29, 1987, the Illinois Supreme Court denied Sequoia's request for a supervisory order to impose a stay.

There are two issues before this court, namely, does the injunction which was entered pursuant to the Code constitute a prior restraint and, if so, whether the Code provides sufficient "procedural safeguards to obviate the dangers of a censorship system." (*Freedman v. Maryland* (1965), 380 U.S. 51, 58, 13 L. Ed. 2d 649, 654, 85 S. Ct. 734, 739.) For purposes of this appeal, we do not need to address the issue raised by Riemenschneiders.

The Code which is central to this case reads in pertinent part:

> "Any building used in the commission of offenses prohibited by * * * or used in the commission of an inchoate offense relative to any of the aforesaid principal offenses is a public nuisance." (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-1.)
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> "Upon being satisfied by affidavits or other sworn evidence that an alleged public nuisance exists, the court may without notice or bond enter a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to enjoin any defendant from maintaining such nuisance and may enter an order restraining any defendant from

> removing or interfering with all property used in connection with the public nuisance. If during the proceedings and hearings upon the merits, * * * the existence of the nuisance is established, and it is found that such nuisance was maintained with the intentional, knowing, reckless or negligent permission of the owner or the agent of the owner managing the building, the court shall enter an order restraining all persons from maintaining or permitting such nuisance and from using the building for a period of one year thereafter * * *." Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-4.

It is well established that prior restraint upon speech is antithetical to the first amendment. (*Near v. Minnesota ex rel. Olson* (1931), 283 U.S. 697, 75 L. Ed. 2d 1357, 51 S. Ct. 625.) In *Near*, the court considered the validity of a Minnesota public nuisance statute. The statute defined as a public nuisance the possession or sale of an obscene or defamatory publication. The statute permitted injunctive relief against future publication and provided for abatement of the nuisance, along with criminal penalties. The defendant, who had been permanently enjoined from publishing his weekly newspaper, argued that the statute violated first amendment guarantees.

In analyzing the case before it, the *Near* court wrote as follows:

> "If we cut through mere details of procedure, the operation and effect of the statute in substance is that public authorities may bring the owner or publisher of a newspaper or periodical before a judge upon a charge of conducting a business of publishing scandalous and defamatory matter * * * and, unless the owner or publisher is able and disposed to bring competent evidence to satisfy the judge that the charges are true and are published with good motives and for justifiable ends, his newspaper or periodical is suppressed and further publication is made punishable as a contempt. This is of the essence of censor-

> ship." (*Near*, 283 U.S. at 713, 75 L. Ed. at 1366, 51 S. Ct. at 630.)

The court later noted the following:

> "The fact that liberty of the press may be abused by miscreant purveyors of scandal does not make any the less necessary the immunity of the press from previous restraint in dealing with official misconduct. Subsequent punishment for such abuses as may exist is the appropriate remedy, consistent with constitutional privilege." *Near*, 283 U.S. at 719, 75 L. Ed. at 1369, 51 S. Ct. at 632.

In *Vance v. Universal Amusement Co.* (1980), 445 U.S. 308, 63 L. Ed. 2d 413, 100 S. Ct. 1156, the Supreme Court held that a Texas nuisance statute, when joined with a State rule of civil procedure, authorized prior restraints of indefinite duration on the exhibition of movies that have not been adjudicated to be obscene. The court found that an exhibitor would be required to obey such an order pending review of the merits and would be subjected to contempt proceedings even if the movie was not found to be obscene. In the court's view, these prior restraints were more burdensome and objectionable than the threat of criminal penalties after the film has been shown. See also *Schad v. Borough of Mount Ephraim* (1981), 452 U.S. 61, 68 L. Ed. 2d 671, 101 S. Ct. 2176 (invalid to eliminate completely adult uses by application of a zoning ordinance); *Southeastern Promotions, Ltd. v. Conrad* (1975), 420 U.S. 546, 43 L. Ed. 2d 448, 95 S. Ct. 1239 (denial, suspension, or revocation of license unconstitutional).

There is little question that the order which enjoins the defendants from selling or exhibiting explicit material at the Denmark II Bookstore for one year acts as a prior restraint on its first amendment rights. On the basis of past violations, the court enjoined defendants from future sales of sexually-explicit materials whether or not they were actually obscene. This is prior restraint in one of its purest forms.

The State argues that *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.* (1986), 478 U.S. ____, 92 L. Ed. 2d 568, 106 S. Ct. 3172, is dispositive in this case. In *Arcara*, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a New York statute which authorized the closure of a building found to be a public health hazard for up to one year. The complaint was based on proof of illegal sexual acts and solicitation for prostitution being conducted on the premises. The defendant bookstore asserted a prior restraint argument which the court rejected because illicit sexual *conduct* rather than *protected speech* was being enjoined.

Justice O'Connor, in a concurring opinion, explicated the distinction made by the court:

> "If, however, a city were to use a nuisance statute as a pretext for closing down a book store because it sold indecent books or because of the perceived secondary effects of having a purveyor of such books in the neighborhood, the case would clearly implicate First Amendment concerns and require analysis under the appropriate First Amendment standard of review." *Arcara*, 478 U.S. at ____, 92 L. Ed. 2d at 579, 106 S. Ct. at 3178 (O'Connor, J., concurring).

It is obvious that the facts of *Arcara* distinguish it from the present case. Here we are not dealing with illegal sexual conduct but rather speech, which is presumptively protected. The New York statute regulated conduct that posed public health problems. The Illinois statute, as applied here, is aimed at proscribing the sale and exhibition of allegedly obscene materials.

The State also argues that the propriety of the permanent injunction against the defendant's use of the building is supported by Illinois case law. We do not agree. None of the cases cited by the State deals conclusively with a permanent injunction entered against an adult bookstore solely for the sale of allegedly obscene materials. In *People v. Sequoia Books, Inc.* (1986), 149 Ill. App. 3d 383, the State filed a two-count complaint pursuant to section 1 *et seq.* of "An Act regarding places used for pur-

poses of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution, to declare the same to be public nuisances, and to provide for the more effectual suppression thereof" (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1981, ch. 100½, par. 1 *et seq.*). Count I sought to enjoin defendants from the exhibition and sale of allegedly obscene materials and was premised upon said statute despite the fact that it could not be used to abate obscenity. (*People ex rel. Carey v. Starview Drive-In Theater* (1981), 100 Ill. App. 3d 624.) Count II sought to enjoin defendants from operating the Denmark Bookstore for one year because defendants allegedly permitted fellatio to occur within the business premises. This case is not on point.

The State further cites the following language in *Sequoia Books, Inc.* as support for the permanent injunction:

> "We note, however, that freedom of speech and press from prior restraint is not absolutely unlimited. [Citations.] There are legitimate State interests at stake in 'stemming the tide of commercialized obscenity' including the interest of the public in the quality of life, the total community environment, the tone of commerce in city centers, and perhaps public safety itself. [Citation.]" *Sequoia Books, Inc.*, 149 Ill. App. 3d at 387-88.

This simply reiterates the long-established doctrine regarding restraint of speech and provides no new guidance for this court. In *Kingsley Books v. Brown* (1957), 354 U.S. 436, 1 L. Ed. 2d 1469, 77 S. Ct. 1325, the court approved a system of prior restraint against *named publications*. This excerpt from *Sequoia Books, Inc.* reflects the well-established idea that prior restraints on speech are not unconstitutional *per se*. *Bantam Books, Inc. v. Sullivan* (1963), 372 U.S. 58, 9 L. Ed. 2d 584, 83 S. Ct. 631.

Regarding the second issue argued by defendant, prior restraints are not *per se* unconstitutional. (*Bantam Books*, 372 U.S. at 70, 9 L. Ed. 2d at 593, 83 S. Ct. at 639.) Nevertheless, any system of prior restraint "comes to this court bearing a heavy presumption against its constitu-

tional validity." (*Bantam*, 372 U.S. at 70, 9 L. Ed. 2d at 593, 83 S. Ct. at 639.) A system of prior restraint can be found constitutional only if it provides adequate procedural safeguards. *Freedman v. Maryland* (1965), 380 U.S. 51, 58-60, 13 L. Ed. 2d 649, 654-55, 85 S. Ct. 734, 739-40.

> "[A] system of prior restraint runs afoul of the First Amendment if it lacks certain safeguards. *First*, the burden of instituting judicial proceedings, and of proving that the material is unprotected, must rest on the censor. *Second*, any restraint prior to judicial review can be imposed only for a specified brief period and only for the purpose of preserving the status quo. *Third*, a prompt final judicial determination must be assured." *Southeastern Promotions, Ltd.*, 420 U.S. at 560, 43 L. Ed. 2d at 460, 95 S. Ct. 1247.

The court's basis for imposition of procedural safeguards is that "[t]he separation of legitimate from illegitimate speech calls for * * * sensitive tools." *Speiser v. Randall* (1958), 357 U.S. 513, 525, 2 L. Ed. 2d 1460, 1472, 78 S. Ct. 1332, 1342.

The Code is not the "sensitive tool" prescribed by the Supreme Court. It is procedurally deficient in terms of the test put forward in *Freedman*. Specifically, the Code does not define the length of the period during which an alleged nuisance can be restrained prior to full judicial review. Also, it makes no provision for the prompt final determination of the matter. Absent these clearly defined procedural safeguards, the Code cannot support a system of prior restraint.

Further, in *Vance v. Universal Amusement Co.* (1980), 445 U.S. 308, 63 L. Ed. 2d 413, 100 S. Ct. 1156, the disputed Texas nuisance statute read as follows:

> " 'Whenever the Attorney General, or the district or county attorney has reliable information that such a nuisance exists, either of them shall file suit in the name of this State in the county where the nuisance

is alleged to exist against whoever maintains such nuisance to abate and enjoin the same. If judgment be in favor of the State, then judgment shall be rendered abating said nuisance and enjoining the defendants from maintaining the same, and ordering that said house be closed for one year from the date of said judgment, unless the defendants in said suit, or the owner, tenant or lessee of said property make bond payable to the State at the county seat of the county where such nuisance is alleged to exist, in the penal sum of not less than one thousand nor more than five thousand dollars with sufficient sureties to be approved by the judge trying the case, conditioned that the acts prohibited in this law shall not be done or permitted to be done in said house. On violation of any condition of such bond, the whole sum may be recovered as a penalty in the name and for the State in the county where such conditions are violated, all such suits to be brought by the district or county attorney of such county.' " *Vance*, 445 U.S. at 310 n.1, 63 L. Ed. 2d at 416 n.1, 100 S. Ct. at 1158 n.1, quoting Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann., art. 4666 (Vernon 1952).

The defendant operated an indoor adults-only motion picture theater. The landlord gave defendant notice that the theater's lease would be terminated. The county attorney had informed the landlord that he would be attempting enjoin the tenants from showing allegedly obscene movies. Defendant filed suit to obtain injunctive and declaratory relief to prevent any action under the Texas nuisance suit.

In analyzing the applicable standard of review, the Supreme Court noted that the court of appeals had correctly found that the regulation of communication such as the exhibition of motion pictures must utilize more narrowly drawn procedures than is required by the abatement of ordinary nuisance and that the State's burden when attempting to enjoin future exhibitions of said materials is heavier than the burden of supporting a criminal sanction for a past communication.

The court found that the Texas statute authorized prior restraints of indefinite duration on the exhibition motion picture that had not been adjudged obscene. The court then stated as follows:

> "Presumably, an exhibitor would be required to obey such an order pending review of its merits and would be subject to contempt proceedings even if the film is ultimately found to be nonobscene. Such prior restraints would be more onerous and more objectionable than the threat of criminal sanctions after a film has been exhibited, more nonobscenity would be a defense to any criminal prosecution." *Vance*, 445 U.S. at 316, 63 L. Ed. 2d at 421, 100 S. Ct. at 1161-62.

Vance is sufficiently similar to the instant case both in terms of the facts and the relevant nuisance statute to be controlling here. The Code, specifically section 37-4, suffers from the same procedural deficiencies found in the Texas statute that was declared an unconstitutional prior restraint on speech. Under the Code, the State can *ex parte* move the court to enter a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction. The court can, upon being satisfied by affidavits or other sworn evidence, *without notice or bond* enter a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to enjoin the alleged nuisance. Presumably, the defendant must obey the order pending review of its merits or face contempt proceedings.

In *Vance* the court found these procedures to lack sufficient safeguards to pass constitutional muster. In the instant case, the procedural elements of section 37-4 of the Code are constitutionally deficient in safeguarding presumptively protected speech. The procedures authorize prior restraints that are more onerous than is permissible under the appropriate standard of review.

The State again argues that *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.* (1986), 478 U.S. ____, 92 L. Ed. 2d 568, 106 S. Ct. 1372, is dispositive regarding the issue of procedural safeguards. As noted above, *Arcara* deals with an alleged public health hazard rather than protected speech. As such, it is clearly distinguishable.

For the foregoing reasons, we hold that the Code (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 38, par. 37-1 *et seq.*) is unconstitutional in its application to adult bookstores that sell sexually explicit materials; therefore, we reverse the injunctive orders issued by the circuit court of Kendall County.

Reversed.

NASH and REINHARD, JJ., concur.

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QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether the closure of a bookstore based on prior obscenity convictions by application of a state nuisance abatement statute is constitutionally permissible under the First Amendment?

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PRAYER

The respondent, Sequoia Books, Inc., asks this Court to deny the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to review the judgment and order of the Illinois Supreme Court entered March 22, 1989, insofar as the petitioner does not raise an issue worth of review.

[1] There are no parent companies, subsidiaries or affiliates of the corporation.

OPINION BELOW

The opinion and judgment of the Illinois Supreme Court was issued on March 22, 1989 in *People v. Sequoia Books, Inc.* The decision is reported at 127 Ill.2d 271, 537 N.E.2d 302 (1989). A copy of the opinion is included in the petitioner's appendix as Exhibit "A". A copy of the opinion and judgment of the Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District in the same cause was issued on January 19, 1988 and is reported as *People v. Sequoia Books, Inc.*, 165 Ill.App.3d 143, 518 N.E.2d 775 (2nd Dist. 1988). A copy of the opinion is included in the petitioner's appendix as Appendix "B".

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Respondent, Sequoia Books, Inc., accepts petitioner's statement of the case except for the deletion of the legislative history concerning an amendment to the Illinois Criminal Public Nuisance Act, Chapter 38, Section 37-1, *et seq.* That legislative history (which exists in the record in the courts below) is attached in the appendix to this brief as Exhibit "A".

On September 21, 1985, the State of Illinois enacted legislation, Public Act 84-787, to be effective January 1, 1986, which amended the Illinois Criminal Public Nuisance Act to include within its scope of offenses a violation of the Illinois Obscenity Statute, Chapter 38, Section 11-20, Ill.Rev.Stat. (1985). Prior to the amendment, a public nuisance action could not be maintained against an adult bookstore as a consequence of a violation of the Illinois Obscenity Statute. Proposed as a second part of a

bill which amended the definition of prostitution, the amendment to the nuisance act, was first proposed in the Illinois Senate as Senate Bill 648. At its third reading on May 23, 1985, its sponsor, Senator Barkhausen, described the import of the legislation:

> Mr. President and members, Senate Bill 648 expands the definition of prostitution to cover certain other sexual acts. I'm a little bit bashful so I'm hesitant to go into all of them, but . . . but certain sexual acts in addition to sexual intercourse that are engaged in for profit or for money. We have a situation in our County of Lake, I know the representative of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office also appeared in support of this bill that would enable prosecutors to go after places of . . . prostitution more broadly defined where health spas and nudie bars in one sort of . . . one sort of joint or another are in actuality certain types of houses of prostitution. It will enable our prosecutors to try to clean up this type of activity and to . . . and to get these undesirable operations out of our counties and out of our State. It . . . it also amends the public nuisance provisions of the Criminal . . . Criminal code to declare that any activities which fit the definition of obscenity would be nuisance per se to also facilitate prosecution of these types of activities.

(JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS, 84TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ILLINOIS SENATE, MAY 23, 1985 at page 126, Appendix at page App. 1-2)

During the debate that followed, Senator Karpiel asked a question about the public nuisance provision that was being expanded and wondered whether the amendment might "perhaps aid in a way of getting rid of some

of these porno shops that we might have in our area?". Senator Barkhausen responded that the legislation was

> attempting to make it easier for State's Attorney's to proceed against operation that can be categorized as obscene acts or which engage in child pornographs so that by describing them in this Statute as automatically or per se a public nuisance so that the State's Attorneys can go into court to seek to abate those facilities and operations as public nuisances.

(JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS, 84TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ILLINOIS SENATE, MAY 23, 1985 at page 129, Appendix at page App. 6)

The present litigation was commenced by the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office on January 7, 1986. The complaint sought to have the adult bookstore premises known as "Denmark II" declared a public nuisance and abated by court order.

REASONS FOR DENYING THE WRIT

(A) THE JUDGMENT BELOW IS SUPPORTED BY THIS COURT'S DECISION IN *VANCE v. UNIVERSAL AMUSEMENT CO.*, 445 U.S. 308 (1980), BECAUSE THE PUBLIC NUISANCE STATUTE IN QUESTION IS AN INVALID PRIOR RESTRAINT.

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Respondent, Sequoia Books, Inc., submits that the judgment of the Illinois Supreme Court, holding the Illinois Criminal Public Nuisance Act unconstitutional in

violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is consistent with prior decisions of this court. The import of the statute is that any business premises which sells communicative items may be enjoined and closed as a result of the past sale of obscene material.

Our constitutional system is distinguished from other governmental systems by the basic guarantees of the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment stands foremost among those guarantees. Certainly obscene speech is not entitled to constitutional protection, but our system prides itself in the punishment of such unprotected speech following its utterance and the rejection of any system that would prevent such utterance from being made at all.

The landmark case of *Near v. Minnesota*, 283 U.S. 697 (1931), invalidated a Minnesota public nuisance statute. That statute defined as a public nuisance the possession or sale of an obscene or defamatory publication and permitted injunctive relief against publication in the future as well as abatement of the nuisance, and potential criminal penalties. This court condemned the statute as unconstitutional because of its imposition of a prior restraint on protected speech.

The constitutional doctrine pronounced in *Near* as evolved into a general constitutional principle that systems of prior restraint have a heavy presumption against the validity. *Southeastern Promotions, Ltd. v. Conrad*, 420 U.S. 546 (1975) and that a system of procedural safeguards is necessary for any system of prior restraint, *Freedman v. Maryland*, 380 U.S. 51 (1965). Even so, this court has given its stamp of approval only on a system of

prior restraint that focuses upon specific, named material. *Kingsley Books v. Brown*, 354 U.S. 437 (1957).

In *Vance v. Universal Amusement Co.*, 445 U.S. 308 (1980), this Court had before it the same issue presented in the present petition for certiorari. A Texas Public Nuisance Statute, when combined with provisions of the Texas Code of Civil Procedure, provided for the issuance of injunctions and abatement orders against unnamed movies, which in essence, could close down bookstores or theatres, was held unconstitutional. In doing so, the Court merely reaffirmed long-standing principles concerning prior restraints. Recently, this Court again confirmed those longstanding principles, *Fort Wayne Books v. Indiana*, ___ U.S. ___, ___, 109 S.Ct. 916, 929 (1989).

The legislative history behind the amendment to the Illinois Criminal Public Nuisance Act emphasizes that the legislation is to be a prosecutor's tool to close bookstores. That, of course, is the essence of prior restraint. The facts in this case, wherein the prosecutor immediately used this legislation and eventually was successful in closing the bookstore demonstrates the practical result of a system of prior restraint.

In the lower courts, the Illinois Appellate Court correctly analyzed the statute in the present situation as one of prior restraint that ran afoul of this court's previous decisions. This court should deny the petition for certiorari in this cause because the Appellate Court was correct.

The Illinois Supreme Court acknowledged the availability of a prior restraint analysis, but opted instead to examine the issue presented by the amended Public Nuisance Act under the principles set forth in *United States v.*

O'Brien, 391 U.S. 67 (1968). The Court's decision to do so was unusual in the sense that the great majority of courts who have examined the constitutional validity of public nuisance type statutes have done so under the prior restraint analysis, e.g., *Spokane Arcades v. Brockett*, (9th Cir. 1981) affirmed 454 U.S. 1022 (1981); *People ex rel Busch v. Projection Room Theatre*, 17 Cal.3d 42, 130 Cal.Rptr. 328, 440 P.2d 600 (1976); *Sanders v. State*, 231 Ga. 608, 203 S.E.2d 153 (1974).

Assuming, however, that this Court would accept the *O'Brien* analysis, there can be little quarrel that the Illinois Supreme Court correctly applied the *O'Brien* test. The *O'Brien* test requires a determination whether the governmental regulation in issue is within the constitutional power of the government, whether it furthers an important or substantial governmental interest, whether that interest is unrelated to the suppression of free speech, and whether the incidental impact on First Amendment freedoms is not greater than necessary to the furtherance of the governmental interest. *United States v. O'Brien*, 391 U.S. at 376.

In its opinion, the Illinois Supreme Court determined that the Criminal Public Nuisance Act was directed at sexually explicit material, some of which would not be protected speech, and some of which would be protected speech. The Court felt that the nuisance abatement remedy was "too blunt an instrument" when considering the available criminal penalties, thus violating the last *O'Brien* prong. *People v. Sequoia Books, Inc.*, 127 Ill.2d 271, 288, 537 N.E.2d 302, 310 (1989).

In short, the remedy of closure is far too harsh in light of available criminal penalties. Under Illinois law, a

person convicted of Obscenity faces imprisonment of up to three years and a fine of up to $10,000 for subsequent offenses, as set forth in Chapter 38, Sections 11-20(d), and Illinois Unified Corrections Code Sections 1005-8-1(a)(7) and 1005-9-1(a)(1).

If under *O'Brien*, the State's argued purpose is the regulation of obscenity, one cannot fault the Illinois Supreme Court analysis that criminal remedies allow focus upon specific named materials and punishment for those specific named materials. To permit the closure of an entire business operation, whether it be a drug store, movie theatre, or even adult bookstore for past acts is much more than punishment and would result in the prohibition of sale or dissemination of non-obscene, protected speech in the future. This is much more than subsequent punishment – it is prior restraint.

To the extent the State seeks to rely upon *Arcara v. Cloud Books, Inc.*, 478 U.S. 697, 106 S.Ct. 3172 (1986), the State attempts to generate an issue where none exists. *Arcara* is not a First Amendment case and was not decided under any First Amendment standard of review. On the other hand, the present case involves issues surrounding the dissemination of printed materials, clearly invoking First Amendment concepts for application.

The State further contends that conflict in authority exists between the decision of the Illinois Supreme Court and that of the Idaho Supreme Court in *State ex rel Kidwell v. U.S. Marketing, Inc.*, 102 Id. 451, 631 P.2d 622. An examination of the *Kidwell* decision demonstrates that the appellant's had failed to contend that the Idaho Moral Nuisance Abatement Act, I.C. Sections 52-401 *et seq.* was

an invalid system of prior restraint (see 631 P.2d at 625, N.1). Moreover, the Idaho Supreme Court sought to distinguish this Court's holding in *Vance v. Universal Amusements Co., Inc.*, 445 U.S. 308, 100 S.Ct. 1156 (1980). (See 631 P.2d at 625 N.3), when *Vance* clearly applied in a nuisance abatement situation.

Similarly the contention that the decision of a Michigan intermediate appellate court in *State v. Diversified Theatre Corporation*, 59 Mich. App. 223, 229 N.W.2d 389 (1975) is in conflict with the decision below, represents an attempt to further visualize a conflict where none exists. The decision of the Michigan Supreme Court reversed the Appellate Court, *State v. Diversified Theatre Corp.*, 396 Mich. 244, 240 N.W.2d 460 (1976). While the Michigan Supreme Court's decision was based on non-constitutional grounds, that decision emasculated any precedential effect of the lower court opinion. Petitioner's contention that there is a conflict in jurisdictions is illusory.

The Illinois Supreme Court's opinion invalidating the amended Criminal Public Nuisance Act represents a valid resolution of a difficult First Amendment issue. Respondent believes that the more strict "prior restraint" standard of review is applicable in such cases, but under either that standard or the *O'Brien* standard, the statute in question is plainly unconstitutional.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Sequoia Books, Inc. asks this court to deny the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this cause.

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SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 648.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)
Senator Barkhausen.

SENATOR BARKHAUSEN:

[page 126] Mr. President and members, Senate Bill 648 expands the definition of prostitution to cover certain other sexual acts. I'm a little bit bashful so I'm hesitant to go into all of them, but . . . but certain sexual acts in addition to sexual intercourse that are engaged in for profit or for money. We have a situation in our county of Lake, I know the representative of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office also appeared in support of this bill that would enable prosecutors to go after places of . . . prostitution more broadly defined where health spas and nudie bars in one sort of . . . one sort of joint or another are in actuality certain . . . certain types of houses of prostitution. It will enable our prosecutors to try to clean up this type of activity and to . . . and to get these undersirable operations out of our counties and out of our State. It . . . it also amends the public nuisance provisions of the Criminal . . . Criminal Code to declare that any activities which fit the definition of obscenity would be nuisance per se to also facilitate prosecution of these types of activities. Be happy to try to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Any discussion? Senator Sangmeister.

SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

Thank you, this is a . . . a very difficult bill to arise and . . . and talk about but, you know, for time immemorial in the State of Illinois we've had a definition of what prostitution is all about. And now as I look at the bill here we have underlined that this is going to constitute prostitution, and again, even the sponsor doesn't want to talk about his own language, that's how . . . Geo, this is really a pornographic bill, you ought to be paying attention. Prostitution is now being expanded . . . prostitution is now being expanded to cover "Or any other act involving the touching or fondling of the sex organs, anus or breasts of one person or another." Now [page 127] think about that for awhile, if you will. That . . . that's going to amount to prostitution? You know, I . . . I really think that we're going a little bit above and beyond . . . I . . . I never understood, Senator Barkhausen, where you're coming from on this, but . . . I believe that that is a little bit beyond what we've all thought prostitution has been and I . . . as . . . as difficult it is to . . . to speak against such great bills, I think you better take a good look at this one.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

[page 128] Further discussion? Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Well, . . . this is the feel for fee bill, I think. It really . . . I wonder if we should be getting into these

areas with so many other really important bills up. But as Senator Sangmeister said, the definition of prostitution is as old as anything else that we ever deal with, and why we have to "tinker" with it, excuse that phraseology . . . and . . . and get into things that really . . . nobody . . . nobody believes is prostitution is beyond me. I mean, each one of us, if you take a look at this language, can think of situations that are innocent situations or certainly not situations where somebody should be charged with prostitution. And . . . and basically what we're doing is we're really diminishing the charge of prostitution and I don't think that's what we want to do. This is really . . . goes way, way, way beyond what we want to do. And again, it passed out of committee, it was, I think, the last bill that passed out of committee. We probably had just a . . . a few people left in committee and . . . and I would say that we all ought to vote Present on this legislation 'cause it really doesn't, it . . .-it doesn't belong on the books and it's not going to be on the books 'cause I know over in the House they're going to kill it, but why don't we do our job here and kill it here first.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

[page 128] Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Will the . . . will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

In essence, what your bill does, and correct me if I'm wrong, is make it a nuisance if any act of prosecution . . . if . . . prostitution that you described is committed, is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Explain it for me just . . . in one sentence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Moment . . . Senator Barkhausen.

SENATOR BARKHAUSEN:

That's correct, if it's prostitution or if it's an act of obscenity it would fall within the public nuisance provisions of the Criminal Code.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Well, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Some of you think we're tinkering with prostitution. Some of you might think it's pleasure. Some of you might think that we shouldn't be here talking about it. But you know, try and . . . and . . . and complete a charge against someone who is involved, as Senator Barkhausen has recited, and see how far you can get. I think it's a good bill. I think it's trying to clear up and clean up some of the perverted morals that we have with some of these book stores and what have you . . . and . . . and I think it's high time that . . . we're not [page 129] trying to be

censoring but I think we are trying to be a little more careful and I think the bill has some good basis. All it does is expand the definition of prostitution . . . to . . . to a public nuisance, and it is a public nuisance, so is solicitation for prostitution, take your choice, they're both just as bad. I speak for the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? Senator Jeremiah Joyce. Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JEREMIAH JOYCE:

Well, . . . I . . . I . . . we . . . this . . . a bunch of kids up in this place, that's all right, never mind . . . forget it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Senator Barkhausen, . . . not being an attorney, I don't quite understand the public nuisance provision here. How are we expanding that . . . that provision to . . . perhaps aid in a way of getting rid of some of these porno shops that we might have in our area?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Barkhausen.

SENATOR BARKHAUSEN:

. . . attempting to make it easier for state's attorneys to proceed against . . . operations that can be categorized as obscene acts or which engage in child pornography so that by describing them in this Statute as automatically or per se a public nuisance so that the state's attorneys can go into court to seek to abate those . . . those facilities and operations as public nuisances. [page 130]

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Well, in that . . . in that context what does abate mean, close them down? . . . close them down? Are we talking about shops that sell adult movies and books and paraphernalia, et cetera?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Barkhausen.

SENATOR BARKHAUSEN:

Anything that under the Criminal Code could be defined as being obscene or would come under the child pornography provisions of the Criminal Code would- . . . would be . . . a potential target under this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Hall. All right. Senator Netsch.

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Geo-Karis, just to clarify one thing. It is true that there is a provision in the

bill which adds to the definition of maintaining a public nuisance, but it seems to me that is not the thrust of the bill and that is not what Senator Sangmeister and Senator Marovitz were . . . were concerned about. It is a redefinition of prostitution and if you look at the definition which Senator Sangmeister read, it . . . it opens the world and I think it does, in fact, diminish what is something quite legitimate to go after and that is literally prostitution. But this means that almost anything could . . . could be defined as prostitution, and that means that you are going to get more and more disrespect for the law and less and less effective enforcement of that which is legitimately prostitution. It seems to me that is the point that Senator Sangmeister was making, not so much . . . just added something to the definition of public [page 131] nuisance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Barkhausen m[a]y close.

SENATOR BARKHAUSEN:

Mr. President and members, I should have first asked the Chair before this debate began whether this is in any way being filmed on cable TV. But to . . . being assured that it isn't, I wouldn't want to fall prey to the new provisions under Senate Bill 617. Let me simply make the point that what we're talking about here, broadly speaking, is sexual gratification for money. And I know we have in Lake County, I'm sure many of you have within your districts, certain facilities, be they health spas or whatever they may front as, they are actually in one way or another offering certain types of sexual acts in exchange for money. We are no way seeking to diminish

in importance the traditional common law crime of prostitution; we are simply saying that we are looking for a way that our prosecutors can . . . can really clean up our neighborhoods, can get rid of the operations that carry on with this type of sexual activity for money that really diminishes the quality of life in the area around us. For that reason, I ask for your support of this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 648 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 38, the Nays are 2, . . . 12 . . . 15 voting Present. Senate Bill 648 having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator . . . Bloom, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BLOOM:

Thank you, Mr. President. That bill we just passed would prohibit Senator Rigney from dancing with a tall woman.